

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Bevan's Future

THE British Labour Party has "disowned" Mr Aneurin Bevan for his general rebelliousness and specifically for his open challenge to Mr Attlee on the H-Bomb in the defence debate in the House of Commons a fortnight ago. But the act of disowning or "withdrawing the whip" was not the most drastic action that could have been taken. Perhaps the most damning would have been the recommendation for his expulsion by the Labour Party National Executive. It would then have been difficult for the Executive to have done otherwise than to comply.

The stand taken by the Shadow Cabinet rather suggested that they wanted to take only nominal (yet apparently severe) disciplinary measures against the rebel leader by excluding him from the Labour ranks for a period of months, as it did in 1939 when he openly urged a combined Socialist-Communist front against Fascism. Undoubtedly, under the influence of Mr Attlee, the right-wing Party leaders realised the possible consequences of recommending any extreme action. Mr Bevan's fate will now be decided by the National Executive. The next question therefore is: Will Mr Bevan be expelled?

ANY attempt to eradicate Bevanism from the Labour Party could possibly lead to the creation of a splinter group—that already exists—but the disastrous division of Labour into two separate and distinct parties; for it is hard to imagine that Mr Bevan would forsake politics merely because of his expulsion. And he knows that many of the local constituency Labour parties are in sympathy with him. These considerations would therefore tend to militate against any move to cleanse the party ranks of the dissidents. It may thus be found that the right-wing will "scotch the snake, not kill it." Political considerations here dictate that the party machine cannot adopt steamroller tactics.

IT is paramount in the present-day party system that obedience must be virtually absolute for the sake of survival. Only a small degree of flexibility is permissible. This has come to be accepted in the evolution of the modern party system as an essential prerequisite to stability.

The idea that a party is bound together by an extremely high sense of individual loyalty and a very large degree of unanimous agreement can be accepted only where the principle of strict obedience within the party is itself accepted. This "regimentation" of major party groups is recognised as an essential feature of Parliamentary systems of the world over. It is the foundation of political unity and solidarity. In a Democracy, the degree of regimentation that should be applied at any one time, however, is difficult to assess. And this appears to be Labour's problem at the present.

Certainly it may be argued that the Party has left its disciplinary action against Mr Bevan far too late. And the Party is being shaken very severely by the stresses that have divided it again and again in recent months. Even though Mr Bevan may be disowned or ostracised, if he is allowed to remain within the party, at best the right-wing can claim that a major crisis has been temporarily averted. In that event, the breach would continue unhealed and further serious stresses could be expected.

New Labour Party Brand New Comet

42 Slain In Ambush

Djakarta, Mar. 17. Forty policemen and two women were killed in the South Celebes on Tuesday last when their truck was ambushed by some 100 armed men, it was stated here today.

Two other women were wounded, it was added.

The police truck was attacked at close range while on its way from Parepare to Enrekang about 100 miles north of Macassar, it was reported. — France-Press.

Larry Adler Coming To Hongkong

Paris, Mar. 17. American mouth-organ virtuoso Larry Adler left here today for his London headquarters to pick up 150 harmonicas which he will take with him on a three-month concert tour of the Far East beginning in Karachi on April 1.

Mr Adler said he anticipated a serious excess air baggage problem because of the long tour in various climates which required a large stock of spare instruments.

He said, "The tropics are murder on harmonicas—the wood swells, glue melts, and metal rusts—and I calculate I may wear out 150 of them in three months in the Far East."

From Karachi, Mr Adler will fly to India to give recitals in Bombay, Calcutta, and New Delhi. His tour will also include Tokyo, Singapore, Hongkong, Manila, New Zealand, and Australia.

In Tokyo, where he appeared three years ago, after a tour of the Korean war front, he will give a concert with the Symphony of the Air (former NBC Symphony Orchestra) in May.

His repertoire will include Bach, Enesco, Debussy, Albeniz, Gershwin, and his own compositions from the film, "Genevieve". — France-Press.

INCIDENT AT CONSULATE

San Paolo, Mar. 17. Ten members of the Japanese "Cherry Tree Suicide Club" were in gaol here today as a result of smashing furniture and typewriters yesterday in the Japanese Consulate.

About 20 members of this fanatical sect called on the consul and asked that 200 of their members should be granted facilities to return to Japan.

When the consul said this was impossible, trouble started which was only quelled by the arrival of the police.

Two members of the consulate staff were slugged and injured in the fray. — France-Press.

Are Women A Wash-out?

Are women a wash-out? Is their proper place in the home? Is the best service they can render the community that of sticking to the task of being good wives and mothers?

In this week's Saturday Mail, Robert Pitman sets out to answer these questions—this is one bold and provocative page of reading. And there are many others in the 20-page Saturday edition, filled with the latest and best features available—bright and light reading for your week-end leisure hours.

Here are some other highlights:

- A famous "Boris" psychiatrist debunks faith healing;
- Why American servicemen want to be discharged in Europe;
- Hitler cracks down on the Cloak and Dagger Squadron.

Cartoonists Giles and Low, Jane Roberts on films current and coming, three full pages of home-side and local pictures, week-end womanhood, local and overseas sports reviews: all these are in tomorrow's China Mail.

MR BEVAN'S LIEUTENANTS MAY QUIT

London, Mar. 17.

A fresh crisis threatened the Labour Party tonight with the expectation that some of left-winger Aneurin Bevan's lieutenants on its governing caucus, the National Executive Committee, may resign in protest if he is sacked from the Party.

Parliamentary opinion hardened tonight that the fiery Welshman, who was yesterday excluded from the parliamentary section of the Party by a 141-112 vote for defiance of its rules, will be recommended for expulsion next Wednesday when the executive considers his case.

Mr Bevan, though now an independent Socialist MP barred from taking part in the Parliamentary Labour group's activities is still a member of the 6,400,000 strong Labour movement in the country.

If the 57-year-old left winger is thrown out, five of the 28-member executive, who are his lieutenants, will decide whether to resign in protest.

They have taken no decision ahead of the event but one of the five admitted tonight that if their champion goes the possibility of at least some of the five "walking out" of the executive is "not excluded."

But some parliamentary sources prophesied this action may be forestalled by a move from a section of Labour's "Old Guard" on the executive to extend the proposed expulsion of Mr Bevan to some of his leading adherents—not necessarily all or any of those on the governing committee. — Reuter.

New Formosa Formula Said Worked Out

Washington, Mar. 17.

Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will present his Cabinet with important recommendations about Formosa and a bigger role for Australia in Western Pacific defence strategy when he returns after conferences with United States leaders, according to informed sources here.

A source in close touch with the conference said Mr Menzies regarded his Washington talks as of such importance that he thought it necessary to confer immediately with all members of his Cabinet. So he had selected March 20—the next day after his return to Canberra.

Mr Menzies saw Mr Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defence, today and discussed the military and peaceful use of atomic energy.

The Formosa recommendations were a closely guarded secret, but it was learned that they represented a completely new formula to end the Formosa crisis and ease the threat of war over the offshore islands.

Plans called for consultations with other nations in addition to Australia and the United States.

It was understood that both Mr Menzies and Mr John Foster Dulles, entertained great hopes for a solution of the Formosa crisis from this formula. But it would require further delicate negotiations in private with other interested parties before details could be divulged.

AUSTRALIA'S ROLE

Mr Menzies had reached very substantial agreement with the United States leaders on the tactical uses of atomic weapons in the event of open aggression in Asia, it was learned. The United States and Australia statesmen also had agreed that Australia's chief value to a strong co-operative defence in Asia was Australia's physical size and political stability.

Australia, according to the trend of present things would be the prime supply centre and dispersal area in the conduct of an Asian campaign should a global war occur. — Reuter.

Valuable Catch

London, Mar. 17.

A female adult coelacanth was caught for the first time off the little island of Anjouan in the Comoro archipelago to the north of Madagascar today.

Scientists will welcome this catch as giving them the opportunity to solve many outstanding questions about this "living fossil", particularly regarding its methods of reproduction.

About 60 eggs were removed from the fish, which measures about six feet in length and which has been sent in perfect condition to the research station at Tannanville.

This is the fifth coelacanth caught off Anjouan. — France-Press.

Eden Recovering

London, Mar. 17.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, is getting better from the attack of influenza which prevented him from visiting Turkey this week, but is staying in bed, an official bulletin said today. — Reuter.

Why There Was No Top-Level Meeting

Moscow Blames Churchill

Moscow, Mar. 17.

Russia tonight accused Sir Winston Churchill of having "himself renounced the proposals he had made" last year for a two-power meeting between Britain and the Soviet Union.

The charge was made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which published seven letters exchanged between the British Prime Minister and the Soviet Foreign Minister, for a possible high level conference.

The Ministry said the letters were being published in connection with Sir Winston Churchill's statement to the House of Commons three days ago.

In that statement he said he had twice communicated with Mr Molotov in July of last year on a two-power meeting in a neutral capital, but his suggestion had been superseded by the Russian note of July 24 suggesting an All-European Conference on collective security.

"NOT EXACT TEXT"

The Soviet statement said Sir Winston Churchill had given "the content of confidential exchange of letters" between himself and Mr Molotov but had not given "the exact text."

The announcement said it was clear from the exchanges that Mr Churchill "himself renounced the proposals which he had made."

"This was done under the pretext that the Soviet Government in its note of July 24, concerning the convening of an All-European Conference on collective security in Europe, 'substituted the proposal of Mr Churchill in the eyes of the two governments.'"

"The absence of foundation for this version is evident from the fact that after the British Prime Minister had renounced a meeting of the heads of governments of Britain and the USSR, the British government also refused to participate in the All-European Conference."

"NO REASON"

The announcement said that in his letter, Mr Molotov declared there was no reason to make a two-power meeting dependent on the Soviet proposal for an All-European Conference.

It said that the results already achieved at the Geneva conference "should contribute to the regulation of other questions as well."

"From the contents of this correspondence, it is seen that Mr Churchill in his letter of July 27 declined his own proposal of a meeting of the heads of government of Britain and the USSR which he had suggested on July 4, the announcement said."

"This was done under the excuse that the proposal of the Soviet government of July 24, calling for a general European conference on collective security in Europe allegedly took the place of the meeting, proposed by Churchill."

NO FOUNDATION

"The lack of foundation for this is clearly seen from the fact that after the British Premier's refusal, the British government refused to take part in the All-European Conference."

"In Mr Molotov's replies of July 31 and August 11 it was clearly pointed out that the question of a meeting of heads of the two governments should not be tied to the Soviet proposals to call an All-European Conference. The success at that time achieved at the Geneva conference should help in settling other problems. — Reuter."

CHINESE AS EUROPEANS

Johannesburg, Mar. 17. Chinese people in South Africa may be regarded as "Europeans" but only if they have a letter from the authorities to prove it.

Great indignation has been caused in the Union over an incident when a girl was put off a railway bus because she was Chinese. — France-Press.

Gives Big Order



SIR MILES THOMAS

Why Were The Yalta Secrets Divulged?

THE STATE DEPT NOT TALKING

Washington, Mar. 17. The State Department spokesman today refused to explain why the United States had released the Yalta documents at this time.

Correspondents at a press conference protested vigorously about arrangements made for the release of the documents and pressed Mr Suydam strongly for an explanation of the timing.

In reply, Mr Suydam said: "I think the action of the Department of State in making the Yalta documents public will have to speak for itself."

One correspondent protested immediately that the release of the documents did not speak for itself.

Parrying this and further questions on the same subject Mr Suydam said: "I can make no further comment."

REFUSES TO ANSWER

Mr Suydam said a limited number of copies of the documents were still available and would be sent to "interested embassies."

He refused to say whether the copies released to the press at a moment's notice last night, when the New York Times had procured a copy from some source, were the copies which had been designated for confidential distribution to Congressmen.

Correspondents demanded to know whether the State Department would conduct an investigation into the "leak" of the Yalta documents to the press but again Mr Suydam gave the questioners no satisfaction.

He said additional copies which would be made available to Congressmen were now being prepared and would be available in three or four weeks. — Reuter.

"Mrs Marriage" Sued

London, Mar. 17.

London's "Mrs Marriage", 40-year-old Heather Cox, whose marriage bureau has helped to turn 5,000 spinsters into brides, is being sued for divorce, it was learned today.

Mrs Cox, better known as Miss Heather Henne, has been arranging marriages for more than 10 years and claims that of the thousands of marriages which were made, not in heaven but in her office, above a Bond Street tea room, only three "have become unstuck."

Recently, she wrote a book about her work called "Marriage is my business". It was a best seller and her name spread to France. She opened a French Bureau in Paris.

The tall, (six feet) blonde matchmaker married Michael Cox, a farmer and landowner in 1942. They have two children.

In this position, Mr Cox named as co-respondent Mr Stephen Potter, author of such humorous books as "Gamesmanship". The question appears in the list of undressed wits. — China Mail Special.

Brand New Comet Airliner

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Able To Fly 2,870 Miles Non-Stop

London, Mar. 17.

The De Havilland Aircraft Company today announced their programme for the Comet airliner following statements made by the British government on February 16, and the deliberations which have been proceeding concerning the requirements of BOAC and the world operators.

Sir Miles Thomas has informed the Company that for their main operations of jet airliners, BOAC have decided to order a fleet of 20 of the new Mark 4 Comet aircraft, a development beyond the earlier versions, having an improved type of the Rolls Royce Avon jet engines, a redesigned fuselage, great fuel capacity and other refinements.

This is a very fast airliner of long range with a universal suitability.

The engine to be fitted in the Mark 4 Comet shows a nine per cent improvement in specific consumption and a 500-lb increase in take-off thrust.

The Mark 4 Comet will carry 58 first-class passengers on a stage-length of 2,870 miles against a 50 mph head wind.

In effect this means that BOAC will be able to fly to Johannesburg with traffic stops at Cairo and Nairobi.

There will be direct services from London to the East, to Beirut thence to Karachi, thence to Bangkok, Okinawa, Tokyo, LONDON-NEW YORK.

On the North Atlantic route the Mark 4 Comet will carry its full capacity payload from London to Gander in Newfoundland, with full reserves, thus making its application to the London-New York service an economic possibility.

The BOAC decision to concentrate on this model is made in the interests of standardisation and for the timing of the Corporation's traffic development and fleet requirements. It also facilitates the De Havilland programme because it permits an earlier introduction of the advanced version of the Comet.

It makes possible the availability of a large world airline with jet propulsion at an advanced date and with a long-career life.

This version interests carriers, including those who had ordered the Comet 3. It supercedes that model. The Comet

2, improved in accordance with the knowledge gained in the extensive work that has been done by De Havilland during the past year is now offered for those medium-range international operations for which it is eminently suited, and will be available at an earlier date than the Mark 4 Comet.

The Royal Air Force has decided to acquire Comet 2's for the high-speed operations of Transport Command, and there will be a single specification for the RAF and for other purchasers. This will embody information gained during, and since the recent inquiry, it will be subjected to repeatedly loading tests in the water tank and will, of course, be backed by a full civil certificate of airworthiness.

WELL ADVANCED

The plan now decided upon gives British civil aviation and the De Havilland Company the best possible opportunity in that advanced designs can be offered at attractive dates, yet with an unrivalled background of positive experience.

The Mark 4 Comet being a straightforward projection of the Comet 3, is well advanced in design. Already the considerable amount of ground test work and the flight trials which have continued unrelentingly since the Comet 3 first flew in July of last year have enabled the performance of the Mark 4 to be established, and its aerodynamic and handling qualities have been largely proved. — A Special Correspondent

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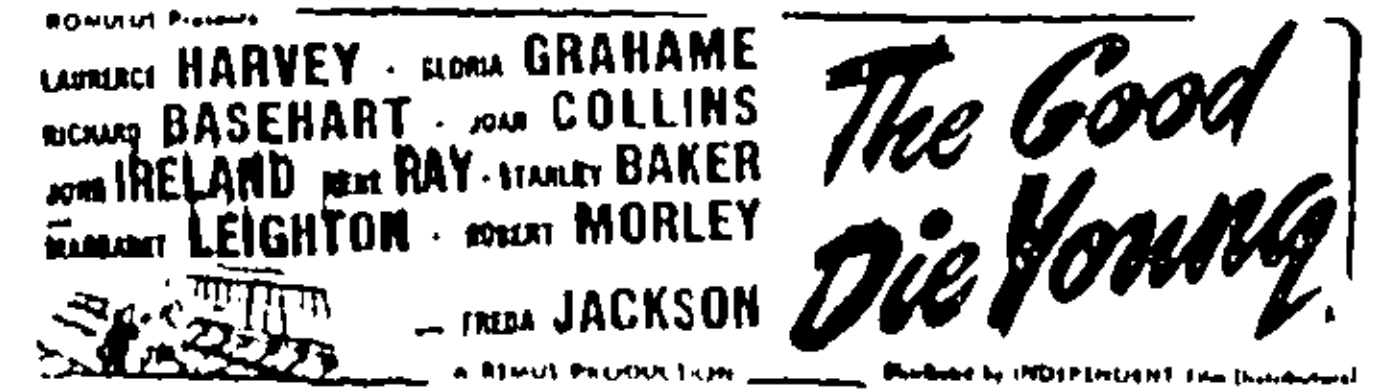
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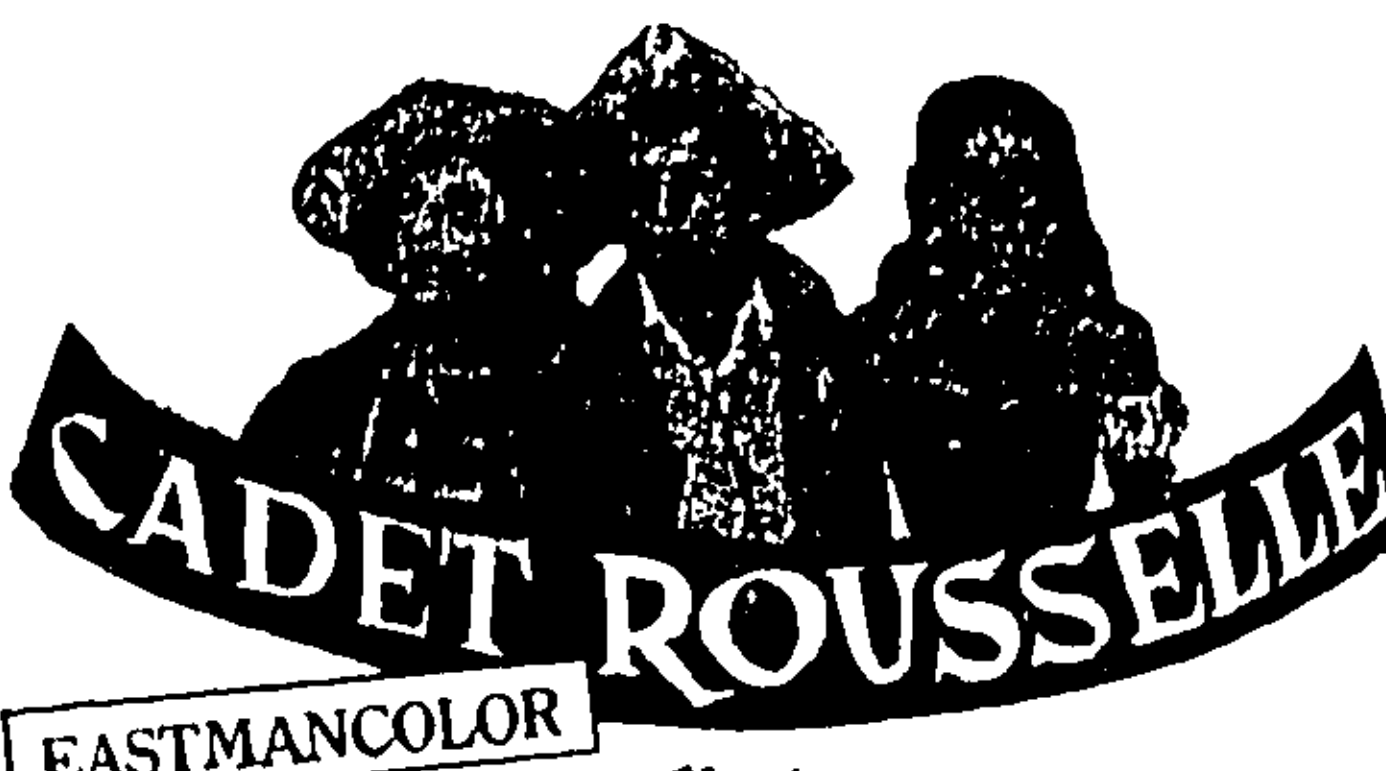
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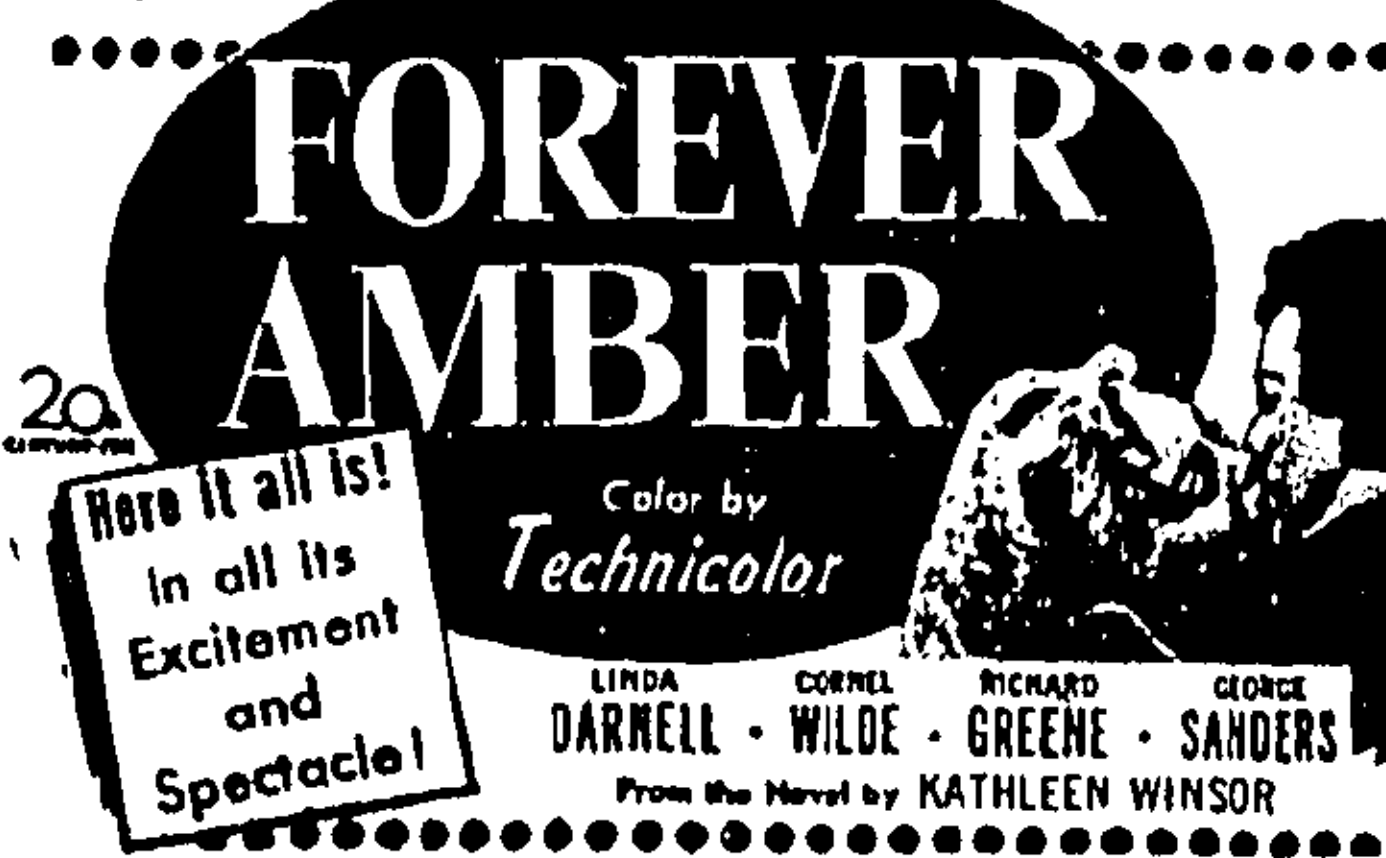


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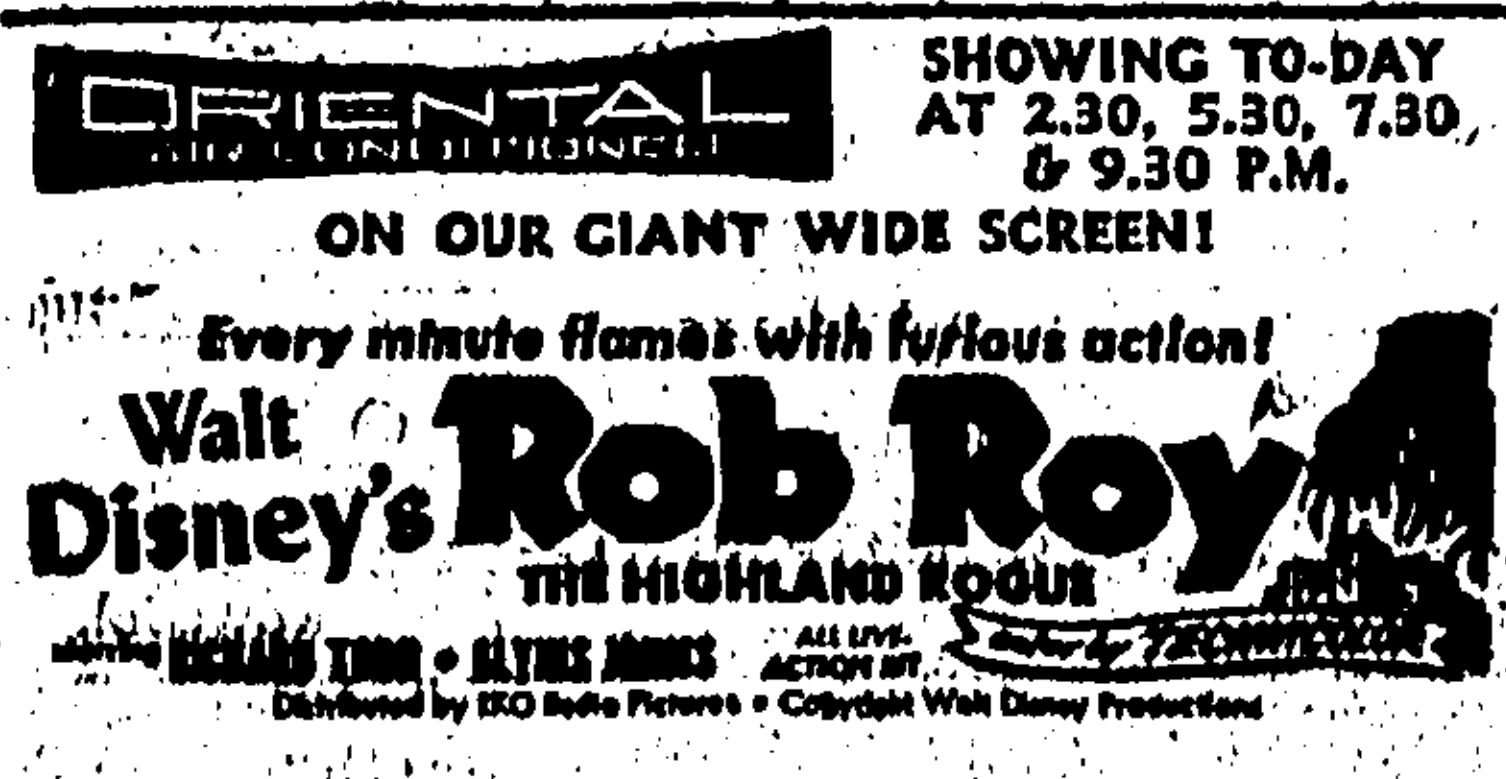
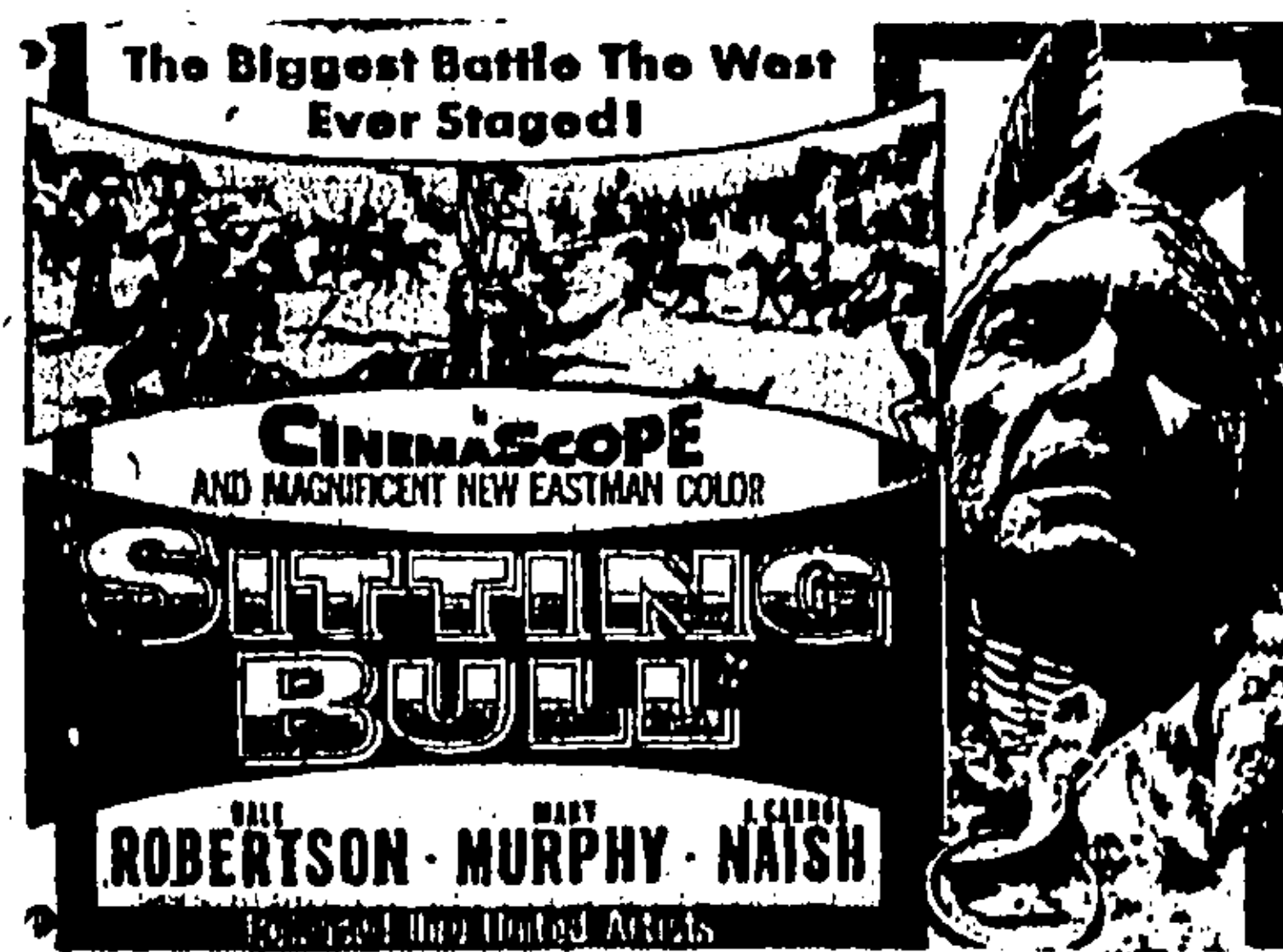
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H-BOMB DETERRENT

Britain Should Not
Pledge Herself
To Be Second

London, Mar. 17.

Lord Salisbury, Government spokesman in the House of Lords, said tonight that if Britain definitely pledged herself not to be the first to use the hydrogen bomb, its deterrent effect would be largely destroyed.

He said: "If our potential enemies could be sure that the weapons would not be used against them and then they use it first, there would be nothing to prevent the vast Soviet Army sweeping across Europe and Asia."

He added: "If we believe this dreadful new weapon is a deterrent, I pray that we do nothing to weaken the deterrent force which the weapon provides."

SUPREME ARGUMENT

It was equally important that Britain should do everything in her power to see the weapons were never used unless it was absolutely necessary. That was the "supreme argument" for Britain's making the bomb herself.

Lord Salisbury, who is Lord President of the Council and a member of the Cabinet, said he did not think it would be wise to pin too high hopes on the proposal of Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, for a meeting of scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain to inquire into the consequences of the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Attlee also suggested that the terms of reference of the meeting of international scientists at Geneva in August might be modified to include this.

Lord Salisbury said the salient facts of radiation were already known and were being further studied.

He believed the Communist scientists primary object would be to get rather than give information. It might be impossible for other scientists to discuss freely with them the effects of nuclear weapons without divulging information about their nature, which perhaps it was not desirable they should have.

But he did not want to be entirely negative. Lord Salisbury said the Government was considering whether the terms of reference of the Geneva conference should be extended.

Move To Oust
Undesirables
From Britain

London, Mar. 17.
Representatives of Conservative (Government) Party branches from all over the country urged today that Britain should be able to rid itself of undesirable coming from the Commonwealth and Empire in the same way that foreigners are deported.

They passed a resolution affirming the belief in the right of any member of the Commonwealth to come freely to Britain but urged the Government "to consider at the earliest opportunity the problems raised by such immigration."

The issue, largely based on recent floods of immigrants from the West Indies, was debated by the Council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations meeting here. The resolution was passed by only a small majority. —China Mail Special.

Journalist
Released

Karachi, Mar. 17.
A journalist and his brother were released from political detention here today, following a decision by the Sind Chief Court yesterday that their further detention was illegal.

The journalist, Muhammad Akhtar, a sports reporter on the Times of Karachi, and Muhammad Sarwar, have been detained without trial since last June under the Security of Pakistan Act.

They were taken into custody during a series of countrywide arrests which the police said were to prevent a prejudicial to the peace. —China Mail Special.

The main purpose of the conference—the idea of which was put forward by President Eisenhower—was to promote the peaceful use of atomic energy. An extension of the kind proposed by Mr. Attlee would hardly be in tune with that object. —Reuter.

STASSEN RECOMMENDING

MASSIVE AID
PROGRAMME
FOR ASIA

Washington, Mar. 17.

The Foreign Operations Administration's Administrator, Mr. Harold E. Stassen, disclosed today that he is about to recommend a massive aid programme for raising free Asia's productive wealth by 30 per cent during the next eight years, thus making the area independent of further outside assistance.

Mr. Stassen told a Press conference that such a programme would take the countries of non-Communist Asia along the road of industrialisation at least as rapidly as Red China and be expected to advance in that time—and without the price of lowered living standards and the suffering that the Communist industrialisation method exacts.

LOT OF CONVINCING

He conceded that it will probably take a lot of convincing on his part and on the part of others in the Eisenhower Administration to get Congress to enter into so sweeping and long-range a programme.

The first step, Mr. Stassen said, will be to get Congress to approve a significant increase in economic and military aid for free Asia for the fiscal year 1955-56, which commences on June 30.

For that period, he said, the Eisenhower Administration will recommend an appropriation of \$2,104,500,000 for the Asian countries which are situated in an arc stretching from South Korea to Afghanistan.

This figure, Mr. Stassen emphasised, has been approved



Miss Martha Rocha, of Bahia—"Miss Brazil" was named honorary fire chief of Elnira, N.Y.—an area where more fire equipment is produced than in any other section of the world. The town's Mayor, Mr. Strachen, is shown presenting her with the fire chief's hat—as Gen. Leslie Groves, a Vice-President and Director of Remington Rand Inc. looks on appreciatively. The occasion was a dinner celebrating production of the company's fifteen millionth typewriter.

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The Hungarian Government today announced the official end of hostilities between Hungary and Germany. "A decree putting an end to the state of war" was reported by Radio Budapest, monitored here. —France-Press.

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Truce Commission
Always Feuding

Hanoi, Mar. 17.

The Indo-China Truce Commission is functioning like a three-legged dog, each leg with a will of its own.

It is made up of Communist Poles, anti-Communist Canadians and neutral Indians. The Canadians side with the French and the Poles side with the Vietminh. They are always feuding.

The Chairman of the Commission and head of the Indian delegation, Ambassador M. J. Desai, wields the "big stick" which gets what action the Commission is able to take.

INDIAN PRAISED

Everyone praises the Indian Chairman for his skill at negotiation and his determination to apply the Geneva Agreement objectively.

The "big stick" he uses against the Canadians and Poles is to threaten to bring a matter to a vote. Neither wishes to go on record as casting a minority vote. Mr. Desai holds the deciding vote. So far all decisions have been unanimous.

The "big stick" for the French and the Vietminh, who sometimes balk at carrying out a suggestion of the Commission, is to threaten to refer the matter back to the Geneva Conference, which theoretically is still sitting. Neither the French nor the Vietminh want this.

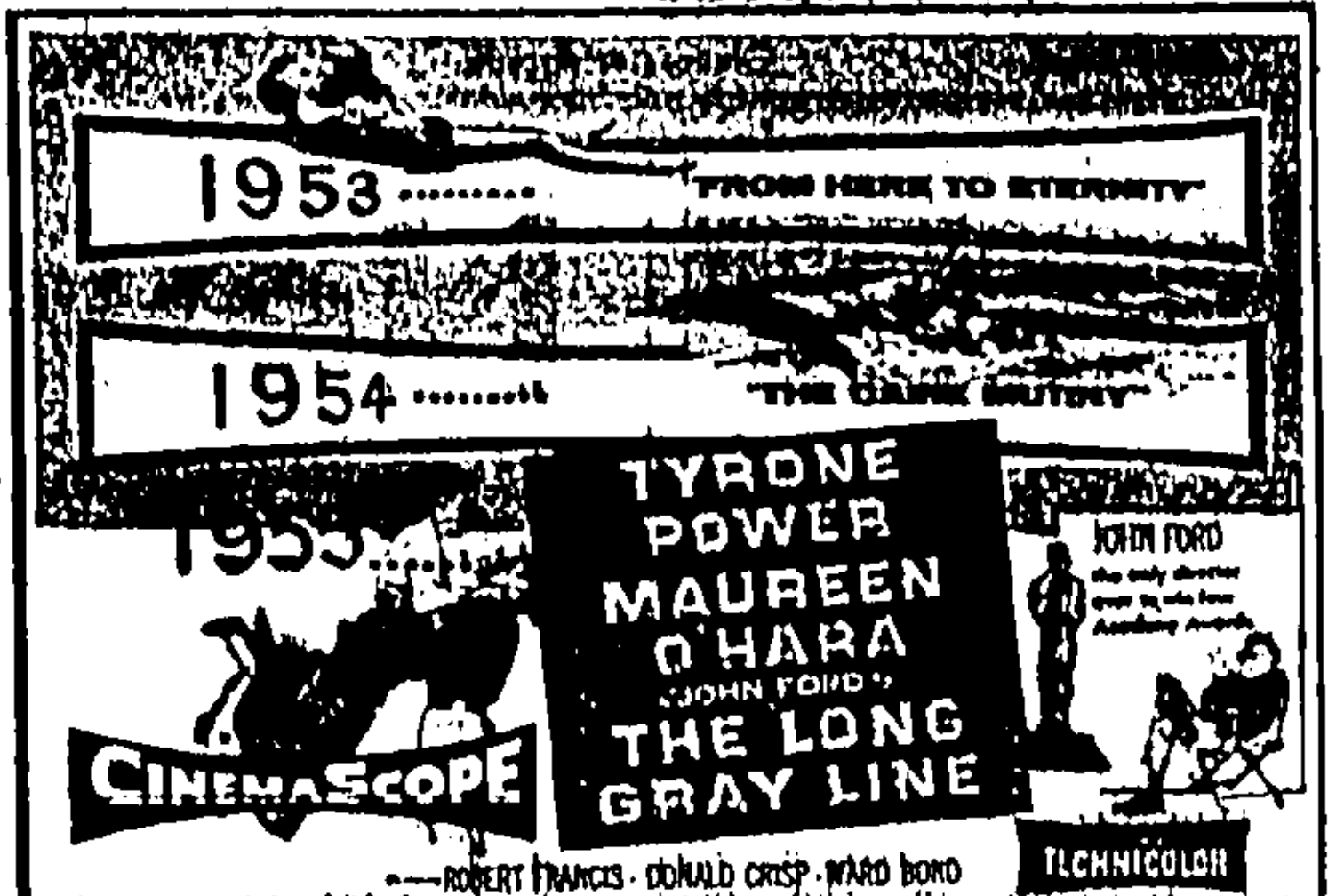
In his relations with the others Mr. Desai says, "I ask for 100 per cent. If they give me only 80, I take that and ask for the other 20."

"Democratic liberties" were guaranteed in the Geneva Agreement, but not defined. There is a wide difference of opinion as to what these liberties are.

Mr. Desai said, "Let's not define democratic liberties. Let's apply them." —United Press.

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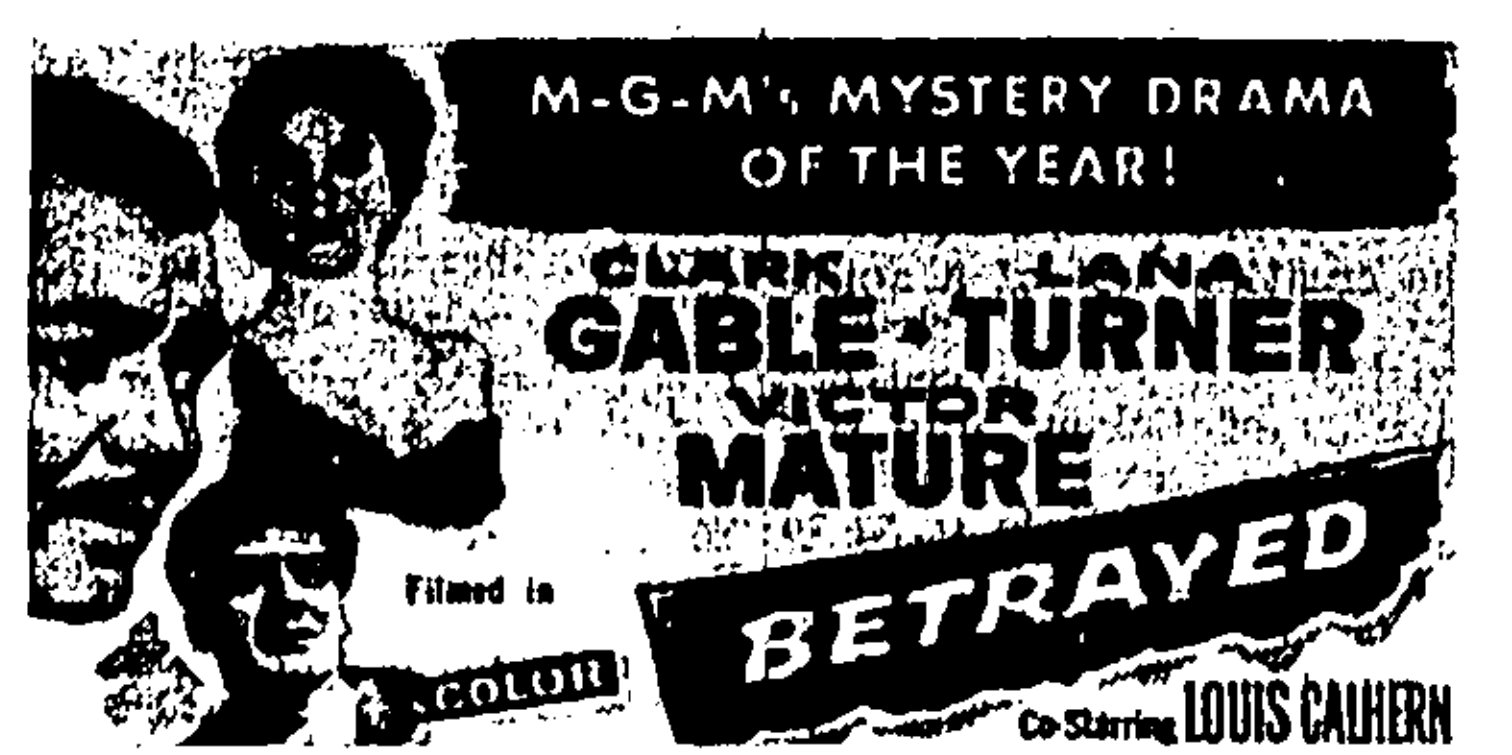
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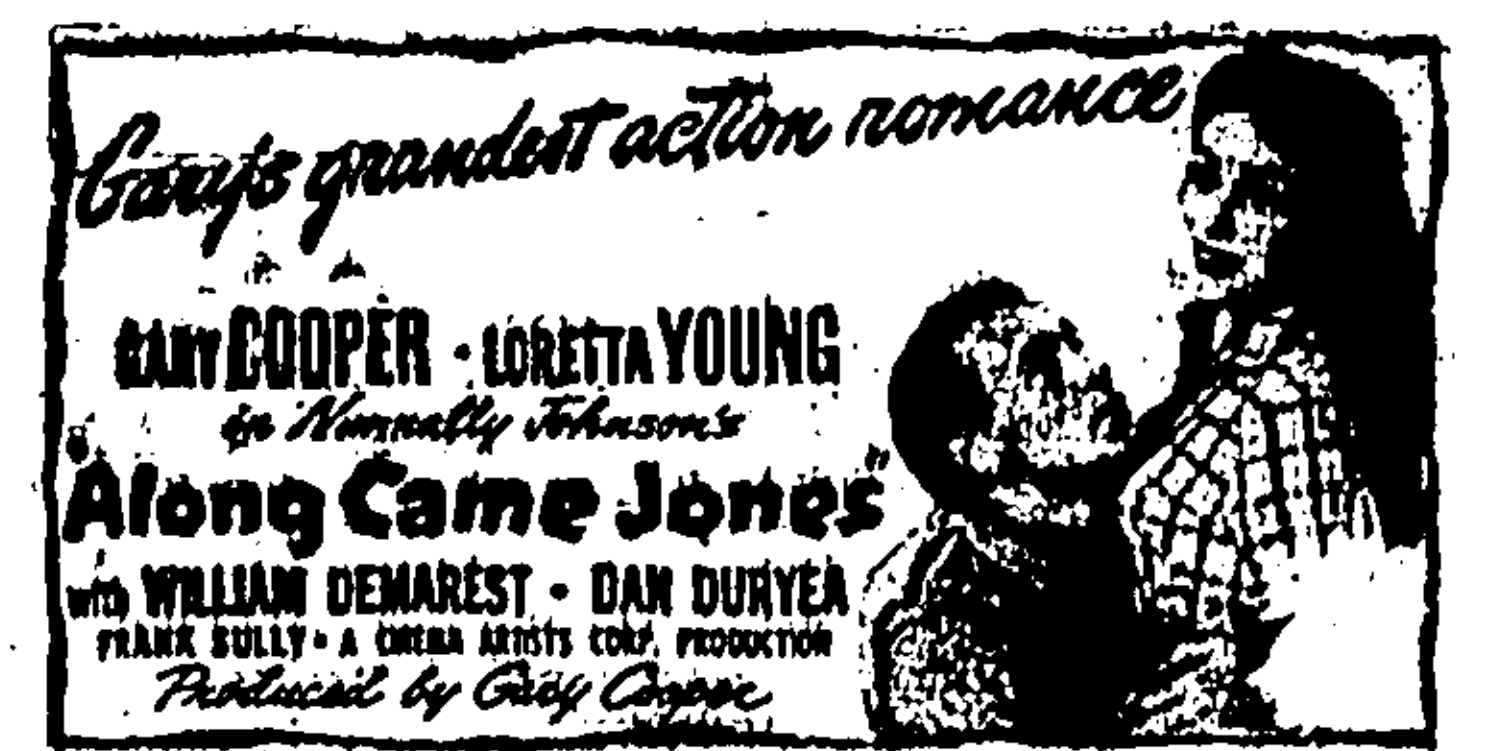
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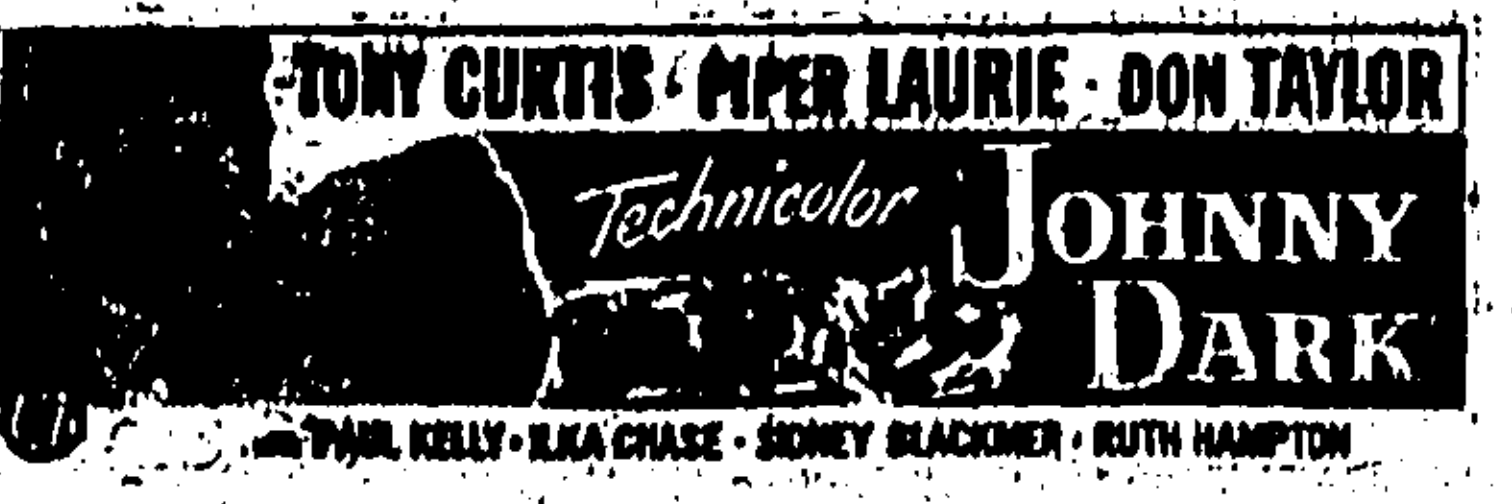
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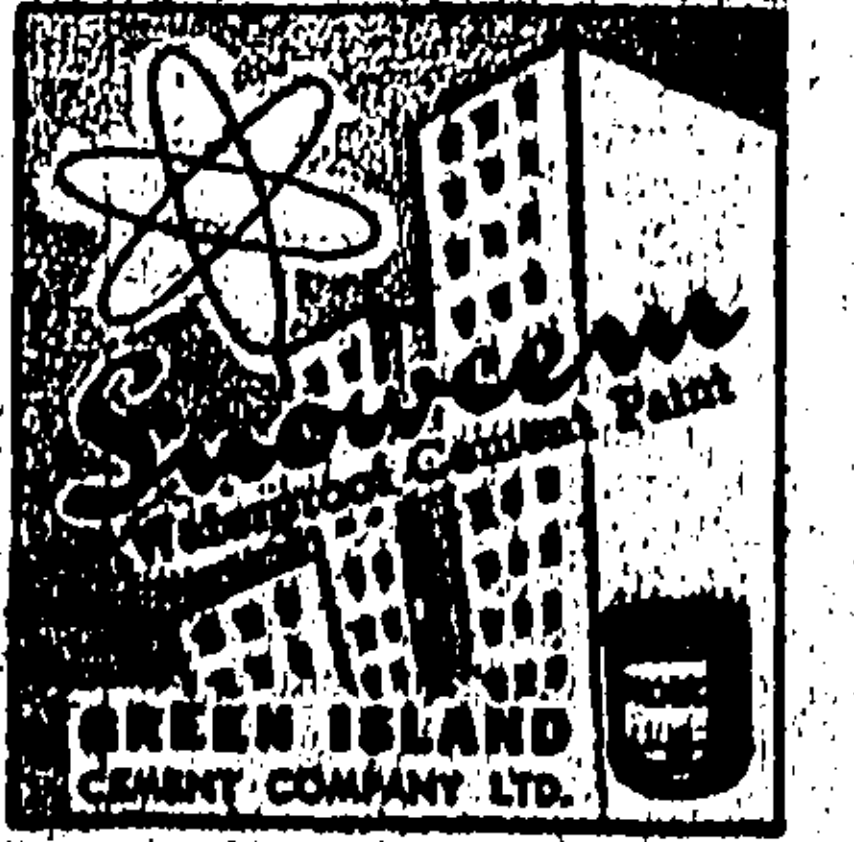


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ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN CLASH

These Japs Did Not Know They Were Beaten

ANZUS AN INSURANCE POLICY

London, Mar. 17. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. T. Clifton Webb, said here today that Australia and New Zealand have no illusions about the possibility of a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

"But," he told the Royal Empire Society, "we regard that as less of a risk than stirring up in the breasts of the Japanese people feelings of revenge and hopelessness that would only throw them into the arms of Communism."

An insurance policy against this calculated risk had been taken out—the ANZUS pact between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.

"It is in our interests that Japan should rise and that we should encourage and assist her to do so," Mr. Webb continued. "Otherwise she presents an easy prey to Communism from the mainland."—Reuter.

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TO-DAY

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Harry Odell says
Your cinema fare this weekend should be "THE GOOD DIE YOUNG" and "ALONG CAME JONES"

King's Body Cremated

Kathmandu, Mar. 17. The body of King Tribhuvan of Nepal was cremated today before a crowd estimated at more than 300,000 people in the sacred city of Pashupatinath.

The body was carried to the funeral by Brahmin priests and two sons of the late King set fire to the pile.

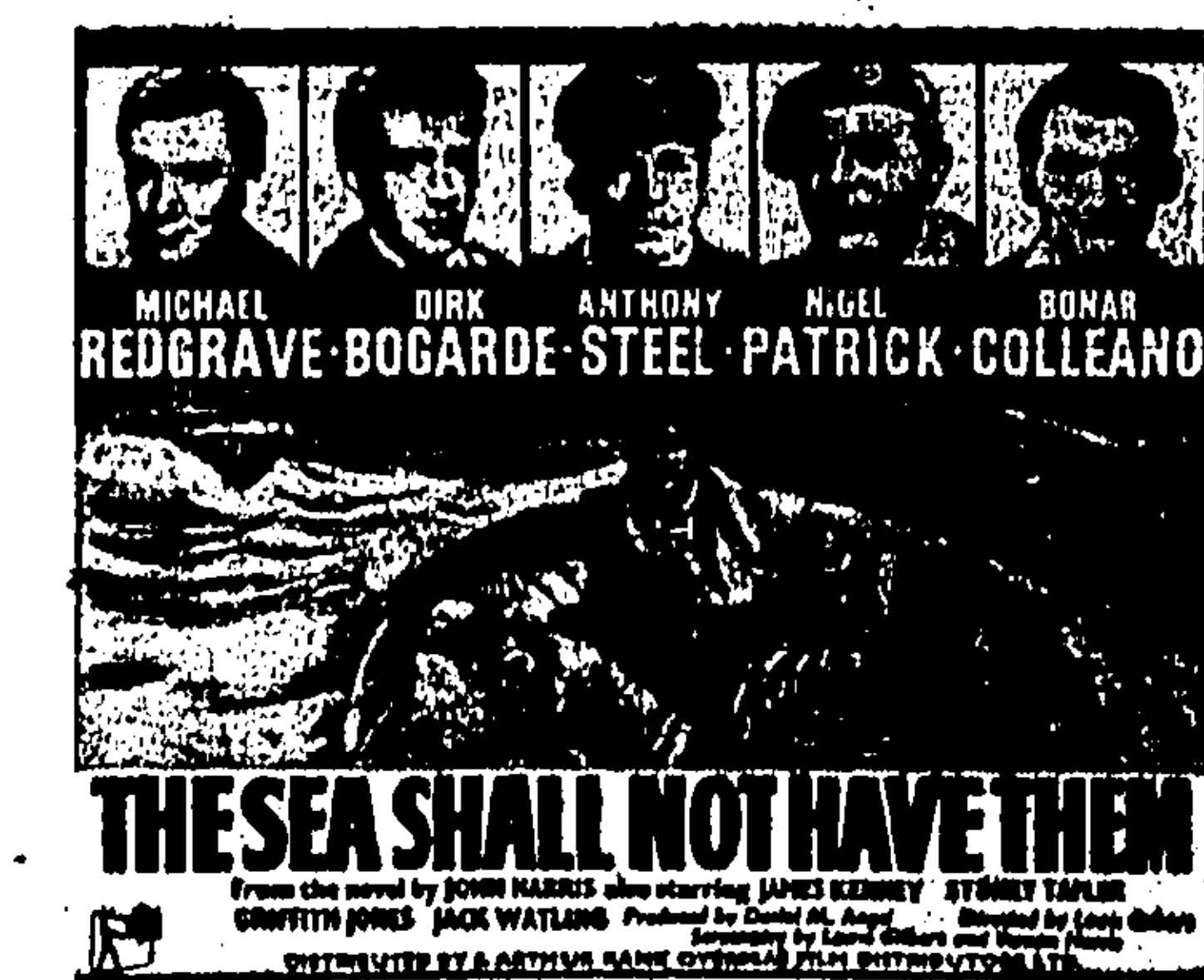
The late King's eldest son was not present at the funeral according to custom.

All of the citizens of Nepal shaved their heads today in mourning. The shaved head is an old Hindu custom. For 13 days of national mourning, the Nepalese will eat no meat and wear no leather shoes. During that same period, the new King, Mohendra, will sleep on straw and eat frugally.—France-Press.

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Gaza Incident Most Serious Since Armistice Signed

TRUCE CHIEF REPORTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL

New York, Mar. 17.

Major General E. L. M. Burns, Canadian Chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Palestine, reported to the Security Council today that the February 28 fighting between Israel and Egypt in the Gaza Strip constituted "the most serious clash between the two parties since the signing of the armistice agreement."

Before General Burns spoke, the Soviet delegate, Mr. Arkady Sobolev, expressed his country's sympathy with Egypt regarding casualties suffered in the clash.

Circumstances showed that Israel must bear responsibility for the incident. One could not overlook that these Israeli military activities were a serious violation of the United Nations Charter "and create serious tension in the area which the Council cannot fail to notice."

MILITARY BLOC

Mr. Sobolev said tension in the area was due to the policy of "certain governments" and policies designed not to strengthen peace but to form military blocs.

General Burns listed various Israeli accusations of Egyptian spying and added: "The Gaza incident could appear in this context as retaliation for the spying, sabotage and murders for which the Egyptian military intelligence service was said to be responsible."

He reported that casualties in the fighting on the Egyptian side were found to be 30 military personnel and two civilians killed, 20 military personnel and two civilians wounded. Eight Israelis were reported killed. Attached to General Burns' report was the finding of the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission that Israel was to blame for the incident, at the same time rejecting her complaint against Egypt.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

Also attached was a summary of complaints lodged before the MAC by both countries between November last year and February this year.

"Infiltration from Egyptian controlled territory has not been the only cause of the pre-

sent tension but has undoubtedly been one of its main causes," General Burns said.

General Burns said the recurrence of more or less frequent intervals of shooting incidents along the demarcation line, the more frequent cases of infiltrations crossing the line and their activities in Israel had helped to maintain a state of tension.

Tension was increased by the emotion created in Israel by the fact that the Israeli vessel seized by Egyptians south of Suez last September and the Cairo trial in January of Jews charged with spying.

SUGGESTED MEASURES

General Burns recalled that last November he had suggested these measures for easing the border situation: Joint patrols at sensitive parts of the demarcation line; Negotiation of a local commanders agreement; barbed wire along parts of the line; and the manning of all outposts and patrols by regular troops.

He was still of the opinion that had both parties reached agreement on the lines he suggested and made an honest attempt to fulfill the conditions, infiltration could be reduced to an occasional nuisance.—Reuter.

BAD JOSS FOR STICK MAKERS

Singapore, Mar. 17. Joss stick manufacturers in Malaya have risen in protest against the authorities demanding a lifting of the duty on the imports of joss sticks ingredients. Ingredients needed for the production of joss sticks are sandalwood from Australia or Thailand, sandalwood oil from India, "musk dragon" from France, special starch from Hongkong and bamboo from China.

The duty on sandalwood was 10 per cent and the joss stick makers used more than six tons of it a month, manufacturers said.

Duty on special starch had now been lifted but in the case of bamboo, there is no fixed rate of duty. Sandalwood oil and "musk dragon" both carried 25 per cent duty.

The manufacturers complain that the duty on the ingredients had made production costs of joss sticks exceedingly high.—France-Press.

No Bang Today

Las Vegas, Mar. 17. The sixth atomic explosion in the current "Topnotch" series at Yucca flat has been postponed once again owing to unfavourable weather conditions, it was learned here tonight.

Already previously put off by bad weather, the explosion had been scheduled for Friday morning. No date has yet been fixed.—France-Press.

Birmingham, Mar. 17. Reverend Dr. Marous James, a Jamaican in his thirties, who worked here soon as the first coloured priest to be appointed a diocesan chaplain in the English Church.

His main job will be to look after the city's 10,000 coloured population which is growing rapidly.—China Mail Special.

Dodging Land Mines In Search Of Oil

Cairo, Mar. 17.

The Egyptian-American Oil Company which is prospecting for oil in the Western Desert, will drill a deep test well 20 miles west of Alexandria at the beginning of April, it was announced today.

Mr. Millard K. Neptune, Company Manager who is supervising the drilling plans, said he attached great importance to the test well.

"Initial preparations," he said in an interview, "will permit drilling to a depth of 15,000 feet if necessary. The well will be drilled south of the village of Burg el Arab, almost on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean."

"I believe the sediments will be representative and that the maximum benefit can be obtained in this area insofar as the geological information is concerned."

FIRST ON CONCESSION

Mr. Neptune disclosed the new well will be the first on the 50,000,000-acre concession to be drilled by a Company-owned and operated rig. The Americans will provide the superintendents, drillers and mechanics, and the Egyptians the remainder of the crew.

The concession has been assigned by Egypt to subsidiaries of four United States oil companies, the Continental Oil Company, Cities Service, Ohio Oil Company, and Richfield Oil Company. The Egyptian-American Company operates on behalf of the group.

Mr. Neptune said that drilling operations have to proceed with caution because there are still several million land mines in the concession area. Every working unit in the desert, he said, includes a Sapper squad headed by an expert.—United Press.

Police Protection For Stevedores

Calcutta, Mar. 17. Shipping agents and stevedores resumed loading and unloading work at the port of Calcutta by stages this morning. They stopped work on March 14, alleging mob rule in the dock area. They started work on three steamers with police protection and work gradually spread to other steamers.—China Mail Special.

FIVE YEARS DISGRACE BUT TERM LIFTED

Paris, Mar. 17. CHARLES Antoine Rochat was today sentenced to five years of national opprobrium by the High Court of Justice for having acted as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Vichy Government.

The sentence was, however, immediately lifted for his services which he had rendered to his country. Rochat was tried on charges that he was a key man in Vichy's foreign policy. He was taken jointly with Vichy's Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain and former French



These four Japanese airmen who have hidden in the New Guinea jungle since 1944 are now on their way home to their native Japan. They had refused to believe that Japan had been defeated in World War II. Their nine comrades died from disease and hardship. They had heard from natives garbled reports about a "terrible explosion" in Japan and eventually they accepted that the war was over and trekked to Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea. They were arrested by a West New Guinea civil servant. Their leader Shimada, describing their adventures in the jungle during the past ten years, said that the airmen had arrived at Rabaul from Manus in 1943 and were soon afterwards transferred to Wewak, and then ordered to Hollandia. They arrived at Aitape on a forced march to Hollandia two days before the American landing. During the march 28 men were swept away and were drowned. The remaining 12 reached Vanimo where they heard that Hollandia had been captured, three more died from disease and the remainder lived by stealing from military dumps, then another five died from disease. The four then went into the jungle and lived with the natives, each one taking it in turn to visit Hollandia to see if the Japanese Navy had returned. The airmen are on their way home.—Express Photo.

COURT RULING ON SAAR

W. German Democrats Want One Signature

Bonn, Mar. 17.

Dr. Karl Mommer, a member of the West German Democratic Opposition, spent today canvassing for the one final signature his Party needs in its campaign to seek a court ruling on the Saar statute.

The Party already has 162 signatures of members of the Lower House — one short of the necessary number required to petition the Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe.

The Social Democrats hoped that by getting an adverse ruling from the Court they could delay ratification of the Saar agreement for several weeks and perhaps block it altogether.

But tonight—eve of the final debate on the Paris treaties in the Upper House—the final signature on the petition did not appear to be forthcoming. Observers here believe that if Dr. Mommer does not get his

one-third signature by tomorrow night, when Parliament breaks up for the weekend, he will not get it at all.

It was reliably learned in Paris that France and Germany are expected soon to publish a joint declaration, clarifying their position over the Saar agreement which they signed in October.

The Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, told the Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly he had been in touch with Dr. Konrad Adenauer, with the object of settling misunderstandings which followed the German Chancellor's statement on the Saar in the Lower House a fortnight ago.

M. Pinay said he had stressed the importance of a clarification before the French Council of the Republic debates ratification of the Saar and Paris agreements next week.

SECRET TALKS

It was reported that Herr Franz Josef Strauss, West German Minister without Portfolio, had had secret talks with the French Foreign Minister in Paris recently.

Herr Strauss said the talks were "an exchange of views on current foreign policy problems."—Reuter & France-Press.

Butler Pleased With Sterling

London, Mar. 17.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said here today that the position of sterling was being held satisfactorily "as a result of the drastic steps I was obliged to take."

He told representatives of local Conservative Party branches meeting in London that the stability of the British economy "is recognised throughout the world."

"The prosperity we have managed to re-introduce and the new spirit we have brought into the country are things which are widely recognised by people not only in our ranks, but also throughout the country."—China Mail Special.

Buenos Aires, Mar. 17. President Peron has ordered that an Argentine Hospital shall be named after Sir Alexander Fleming as a tribute to the British discoverer of penicillin.—China Mail Special.

MARLENE AWARDED DAMAGES



Paris, Mar. 17. Film star Marlene Dietrich was awarded 1,200,000 francs (about £1,200 sterling) damages against the French weekly, L'Espresso, by a Paris appeal Court today.

Miss Dietrich complained that the weekly published, without her authorisation, in three numbers appearing in December 1950 a series of articles about her private life under the title "My Life," by Maurice Dietrich. A lower court awarded her 500,000 francs (£50 sterling) damages. Miss Dietrich appealed against this award as insufficient and the appeal was upheld today.—China Mail Special.

Dulles To Brief Canadian MPs

Ottawa, Mar. 17.

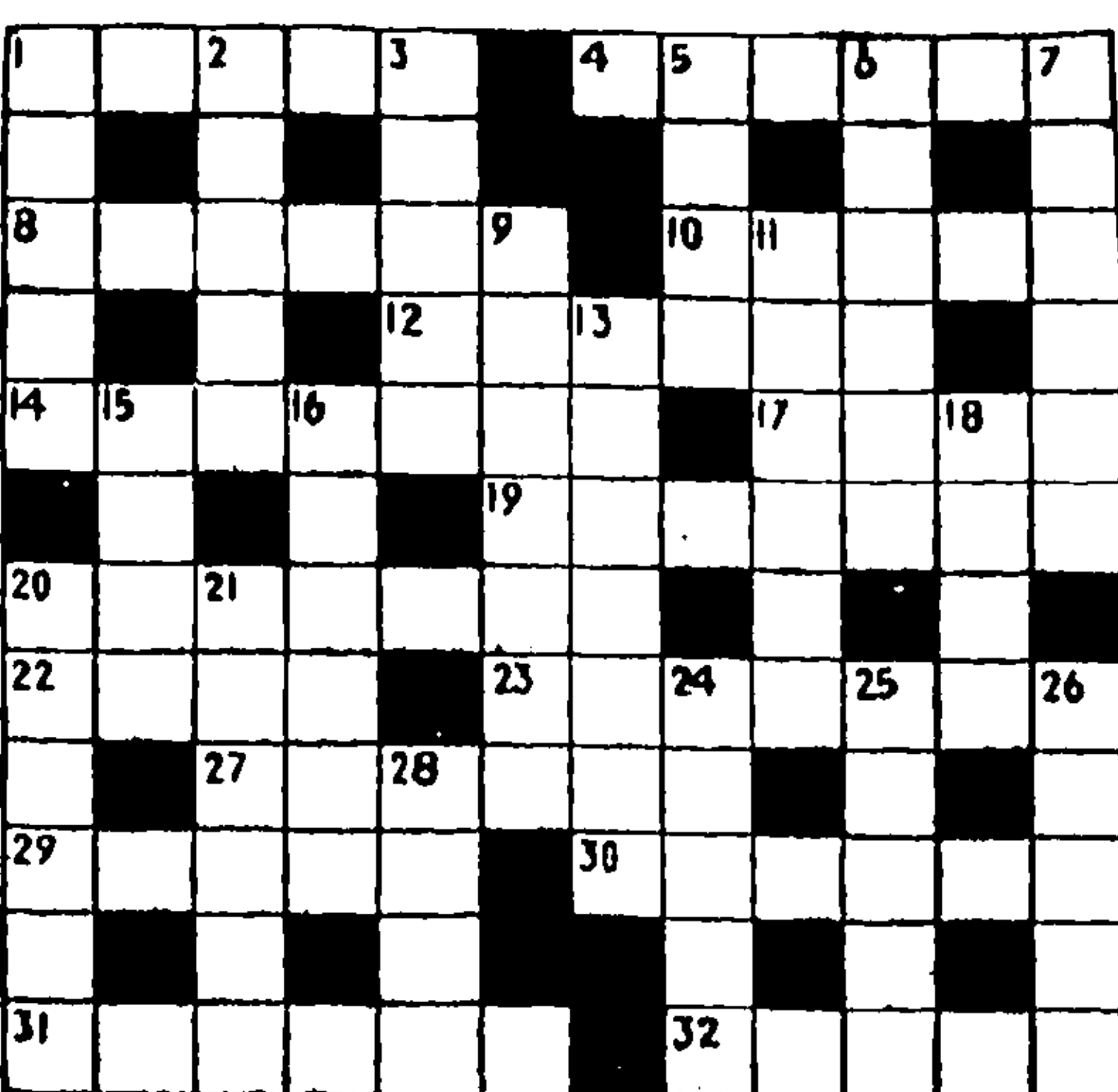
Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, arrived here today by air from Washington to brief Canadian Members of Parliament on world affairs.

In a brief statement, he referred to Canada as "a Pacific power" and spoke of her role on the Truce Supervisory Commission in Indo-China. He said he would exchange views with Government leaders on economic and defence problems of Europe and Asia.

Arriving 75 minutes late, he was met by Mr. Lester Pearson, External Affairs Minister.

His plane had been forced to return to Washington soon after taking off because of engine trouble which was quickly put right by the ground staff.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Animal (5).
- 4 Crib (6).
- 8 Run away (6).
- 10 Happen (5).
- 12 Speaker (6).
- 14 Discoloured (7).
- 17 Illuminating gas (4).
- 20 Musical entertainment (7).
- 22 Adore (7).
- 24 Nod (4).
- 27 Alarm (7).
- 29 In fact (6).
- 30 Keen (5).
- 31 Abandon (6).
- 32 "Opening" word (6).

DOWN

- 1 Clapham (5).
- 2 Place of pilgrimage (5).
- 3 Fruit (5).
- 5 Origin (4).
- 6 Effect (6).
- 7 Wandering (6).
- 9 Exact (7).
- 11 Agree (6).
- 13 Took as one's own (7).
- 15 Trampled (4).
- 16 Mad (6).
- 18 Spoken (4).
- 20 Water broader (6).
- 21 Rules (6).
- 23 Skilful (5).
- 25 Tendency (6).
- 26 Come in (6).
- 28 Measure of drink (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Elongate, 8 Avon, 9 Despair, 11 Intrude, 13 Holy, 16 Insecure, 18 Endorse, 19 Ends, 21 Disaster, 25 Gradient, 26 Firm, 27 Estrange, Down: 1 Sari, 2 Loot, 4 Lied, 5 Nips, 6 Agile, 7 Essay, 9 Dunce, 10 Soers, 12 Nihil, 14 Lucrative, 16 Untie, 17 Eclat, 19 Eagle, 20 Draft, 21 Diva, 22 Saucy, 23 Trip, 24 Romp.



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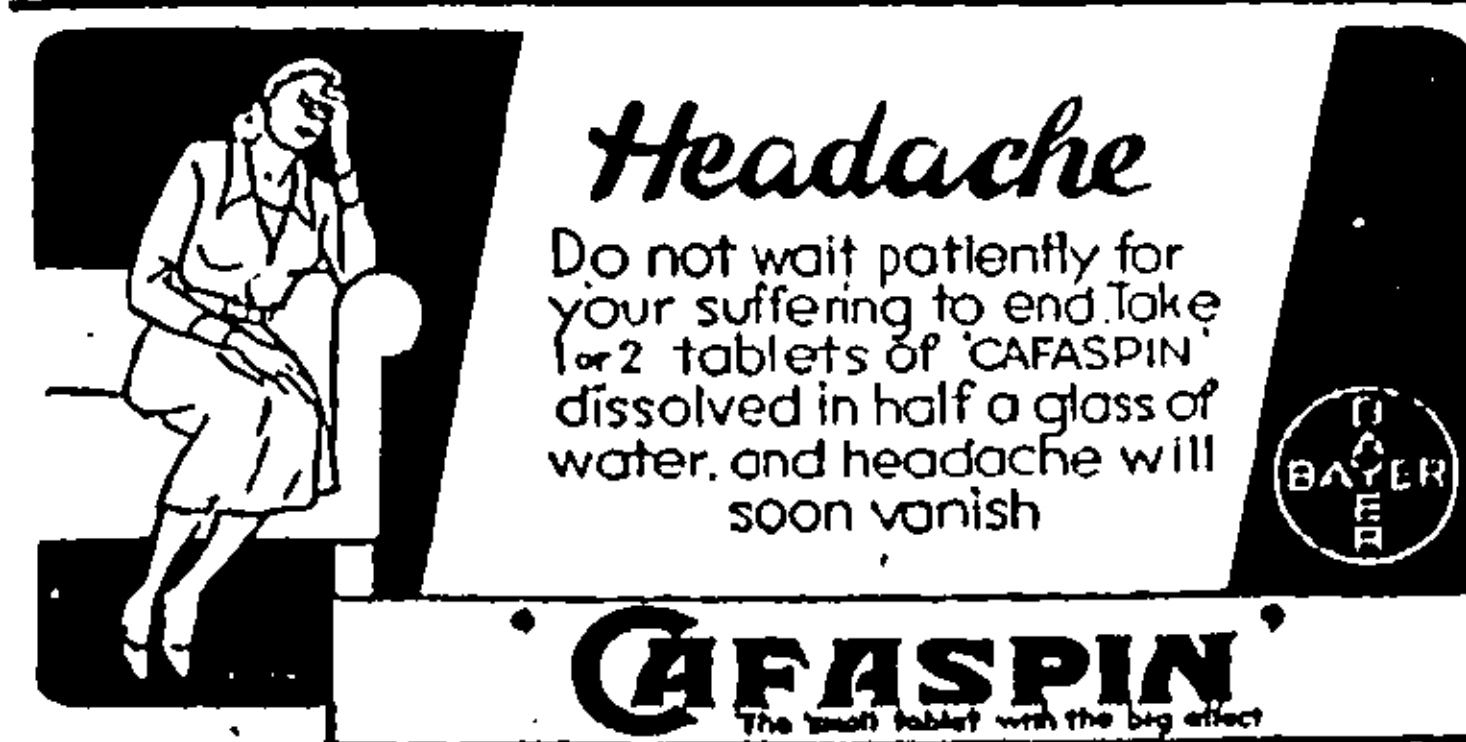
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MYSTERIOUS BROWN MEN WHO DRANK ORANGE JUICE

I ALTERNATED constantly between hope and despair in China. Just when some incident sent cold shivers down my back, up popped a jolly little character to take the sting out of it.

I drove down into Chungking from a distant airfield, and the scenes would stir the flintiest heart. I forgot my earlier bad temper as I bounced through a landscape like one of those Japanese rock gardens come alive. The road I travelled was built of packed earth, and it shot up and around steep hills or plunged into deep valleys.

I passed endless streams of peasants whose faces were twisted in the agony of immense physical effort, and this was not surprising, because many had harnessed themselves like animals to heavy wooden carts loaded to the sky with slabs of stone. There was no evidence HERE of forced labour. The peasants of Szechuan worked hard for food - harder than I've seen people work anywhere, though I once saw a rickshaw boy collapse from heartstrain in a Portuguese colony.

So my mood was one of elation mixed with sympathy. I felt the foreigners had little right to criticise a government which might be using ruthless authority to get things done but which was at least getting them done. And then, quite suddenly, my car shot through narrow streets of wooden houses built higgledy-piggledy above the Yangtze River and we emerged in front of an enormous palace.

Brand New

It looked like a palace, anyway - brand new, a glittering dome with sweeping staircases rising to marble halls on either side. "But this," said my guide, "is the guest house."

And so it was - the result of all the planning. This was the kind of thing being built by those poor devils I passed along the road. My face betrayed my thoughts.

The mayor of Chungking hastened to assure me: this palace they called a guest house had only cost point eight percent of the taxes levied against local landlords. He seemed unable to understand that to me it looked as totally useless as the pyramids or China's own Great Wall.

So I wandered over to a puppet theatre, went behind the scenes and, suddenly, began to enjoy myself. It was hard not to, because this was something the comrades made no attempt to show me and it was purely

Seeing Red China with William Stevenson

Toronto Star correspondent who spent two months in the country and travelled 8,000 miles.

Chinese. Exquisite puppets with moving heads and limbs, dressed in beautifully embroidered robes, were held in view of the audience by ten little men crouching beneath the stage. Around them on the dirt floor squatted the band, clashing cymbals and hammering on drums and tooting on tin horns.

The timing was perfect, and the ten little men were so absorbed in their miniature opera their faces twisted into the appropriate expressions each time they sang out their words, even though they were invisible to anyone outside.

Living Buddha

WONDERFUL. I staggered away with my ears ringing from the noise. I wandered back along the Yangtze River banks, listening to their primitive cries of men stripped naked as they pulled heavily laden junk upstream against the strong currents. What a tragedy, I thought, that men must work like this when a dozen outboard motors could do the job. But their shouts, echoing strangely in the misty gorges, were cheerful and, no doubt, they were glad to have work at all.

It was then I met a strange character riding a mule. He stopped when he saw me and began an excited conversation with his two companions. He wore a beaver hat with ribbons in the crown. One of his friends had suffered from a head wound about his head and his head was shaven. It was hard to tell if the third member in the party was man or woman, but a strong smell of stale butter came from all of them.

The stranger examined me and then said in faultless English: "Where are you from?" I told him and he replied: "We're from Lhasa. We've been three months coming here."

He was a Tibetan who had spent part of his life in northern India. His shaven-headed friend was a living Buddha. This gave us something in common, because earlier in Peking the Dalai Lama had touched my forehead and thus turned me into a living Buddha too.

"Where are you going?" I asked politely. They said Peking, which meant a further back to his donkey. "We're going to see the Russian exhibition."

"We're taking a plane from here," said their leader, getting back aboard his donkey. "We're going to see the Russian exhibition."

SECOND DAY

I've no idea what induced this strange trio to embark on such a voyage. Tibet is supposed to be a Chinese affair, and I wondered how the Russians had got into the picture.

Well, that raises the question of who really does rule China. Russia's influence is exerted through a man of whom we hear little, Liu Shao-chi. Most of us, however, think mostly of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

Foreign Minister Chou, perhaps more than any other Communist, dazzled the Western world this past year. He earned public tribute from Sir Anthony Eden, he won respect (and submission in Indo-China) from the French, and he overshadowed his Russian colleagues at Geneva. His flying visit to New Delhi charmed Nehru into a trip to Peking. He convinced Burma's Premier the Chinese Communists can be reasonable, and he is the jolly shepherd of those two bewildered young men from Tibet, the Dalai and Panchen Lamas. Yet the fact is that Chou En-lai is very much low man on the totem pole.

Far more powerful is the vast People's Liberation Army. Although administrative changes have taken place which seem to push the Army into the background, observers are about equally divided on whether in fact the Army today is all-powerful or very much weakened in authority.

Four Men

THE new Constitution still leaves the reins of power in the hands of four men. They are Mao Tse-tung, who more than once ignored Stalin's orders in conducting the Chinese revolution; then Liu Shao-chi, the Grey Eminence who brings to Peking's marble halls the flinty views of Party theoreticians; followed by General Chu Teh, chief of China's military forces, and, last of all, Chou En-lai.

It would seem at first glance that Mao and General Chu Teh have withdrawn into the shadows - that's true only in a constitutional sense. Both men, however, have supreme authority which overrides the Constitution. Mao controls the whole government machine as chairman of the Communist Party's Central Committee. Chu Teh commands the physical backbone of the regime - the armed forces.

What now causes widespread speculation is the appointment of Peng Teh-huai, China's

Korean war hero, as national Defence Minister. This, together with the drafting of China's top generals into the Defence Council, suggests the Army remains a very powerful tool, designed, as Mao Tse-tung said back in 1929, "to fulfil certain political tasks."

Yet some observers think it's a preliminary step to pulling these Army veterans out to pasture. My own experience certainly did not indicate that power went with the new glory.

I followed Chou En-lai, for instance, when he took Nehru through the ranks of generals making up the Defence Council. They stood over in one corner - a small, brown lump of silence amid the glitter of a diplomatic reception in one of Peking's magnificent pavilions that gleam behind the Winter Palace walls. Their uniforms were ill-fitting; they wore no insignia except their names stitched in red ideographs on white tape across their breast pockets.

Chou bowed through them with every appearance of a schoolmaster producing his most promising pupils. They were polite but reserved, and while others drank a fierce Chinese vodka these mysterious figures clasped glasses of orange juice in their unpractised fingers.

Bitter Blow

THEN Chou sneered Nehru to where two youths stood in bright saffron and red robes. "I believe you may like to meet the Dalai and Panchen Lamas," said China's Foreign Minister, the ghost of a smile flitting across his mobile face.

For me, it was a dramatic moment. The Dalai Lama gave Nehru's India two thousand miles of common frontier with a Communist country when he accepted the absorption of Tibet into China. It had been a bitter blow to Nehru.

There was a moment's pause. Behind us, the Chinese generals rustled softly. A glass tinkled, a foot shuffled. Perhaps I'm a sensitive soul, but it seemed to me you could feel the whole Chinese Army pressing at your back during those few seconds when the Army which conquered China for her people against internal and foreign enemies and which fought our U.N. forces to a standstill in Korea.

Nehru looked tired and old as he extended a hand to the Dalai Lama and said: "I'm very pleased to make your acquaintance after all this time."

Was it a capitulation? The Chinese are great people for symbols, and this moment seemed to have been chosen with artistic care. Or was Nehru making a massive gesture of goodwill? His Indian advisers in Peking have reported that the Army's status in China today is a reduced one, in flat contradiction to other Western speculation. Perhaps Nehru, who must surely have recognised the significance of that strange encounter, hoped to avoid further tensions and so keep the Army in its supposedly now place over in one corner.

TOMORROW:
Not Quite The Giant
As Many Think

CENTENARIAN OF OPERA

By Gerard Bourke

JUST one hundred and fifty years ago yesterday a young couple in the wild Spanish province of Catalonia bent over a cradle and wished for a great singing future for their newly-born son.

Both were singers, famous singers, so they could justly hope that some of their genius might pass to their child.

Their wish was fulfilled, but perhaps not altogether as they had expected.

Manuel Garcia became a well-known singer, too, but the international fame he won was for his brilliant tuition of others rather than for his own voice.

It was said that his father trained him too hard while his voice was passing naturally from tenor to baritone, and this gave it an unpleasant vibrato.

Nevertheless, he became Spain's Grand Old Man of music. He lived to be 101, died in London 49 years ago.

TAUGHT THE GREAT

He was the first man to make a scientific study of voice production, and was the inventor of the laryngoscope which permits examination of a person's throat. Aided in his work by one of Napoleon's ablest surgeons, his system of mirrors is used today in perfected form.

At the time, Garcia was on the staff of London's Royal Academy of Music, a post he held for 50 years. He taught many of the greatest singers of the 19th century, including Sir Charles Santley, described by Shaw as "one who has achieved all that is yet possible for a great English singer."

But enthusiastic though he was about linking science with singing, Garcia was not merely a technician.

In his younger days he had toured widely as a baritone with an opera company founded

by his father, also named Manuel.

The elder Manuel, who was to become head of the most famous family in the history of singers, had aided Rossini in completing "The Barber of Seville." Perhaps that explains why Rossini, usually lazy, finished the brilliant score in two weeks. Rossini gave him the tenor part of Count Almaviva at the first performance.

Later, when the family opera company went on tour in America, they were able to give a remarkable performance of "The Barber."

MANY DECORATIONS

Garcia senior sang Almaviva. The part of the housekeeper was taken by his wife, who had become an opera singer after abandoning girlhood plans to become a nun. Rossini was played by his daughter, the great contralto Malibran. The part of Figaro was taken by Garcia junior, our centenarian.

The younger Garcia toured the Continent as well as America - where the private company had been robbed of a hoard of gold by thieves - and had received many foreign decorations. Among these was one given to him by the King of Sweden for his helpful tuition of Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," also a favourite with London audiences at Covent Garden.

Throughout his long life, he watched over the progress of singers in the London concert hall and in the theatres, and also showed keen perception of purely orchestral musical trends. On his 100th birthday, St. Patrick's Day, 1905, King Edward VII. summoned him to Buckingham Palace to accept the Royal Victorian Order. Despite his age, he went personally to receive the decoration.

LONG SERVICE

On returning home, he was greeted by almost all the leaders of London's musical life, who reviewed his long service in flattering addresses. In view of the date, his birthday cake was in the shape of a gigantic shamrock, surmounted by the figure of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music.

His sister, Madame Malibran, had died long before in 1830, from injuries received when thrown from a horse. He was survived, however, by a younger sister, Madame Viardot, not only a famous singer but also a composer whose works were admired by George Sand and Alfred de Musset. She had even had lessons in composition from Franz Liszt.

Her death in 1910 did not end the service of this unusual Spanish family to singing. Manuel Garcia, the centenarian, left behind a son, Gustave, and a grandson, Albert, and both joined the staff of London's Royal College of Music as teachers of singing. Only the family of the great J. S. Bach, the musicians' musician, gave more of its members to music.

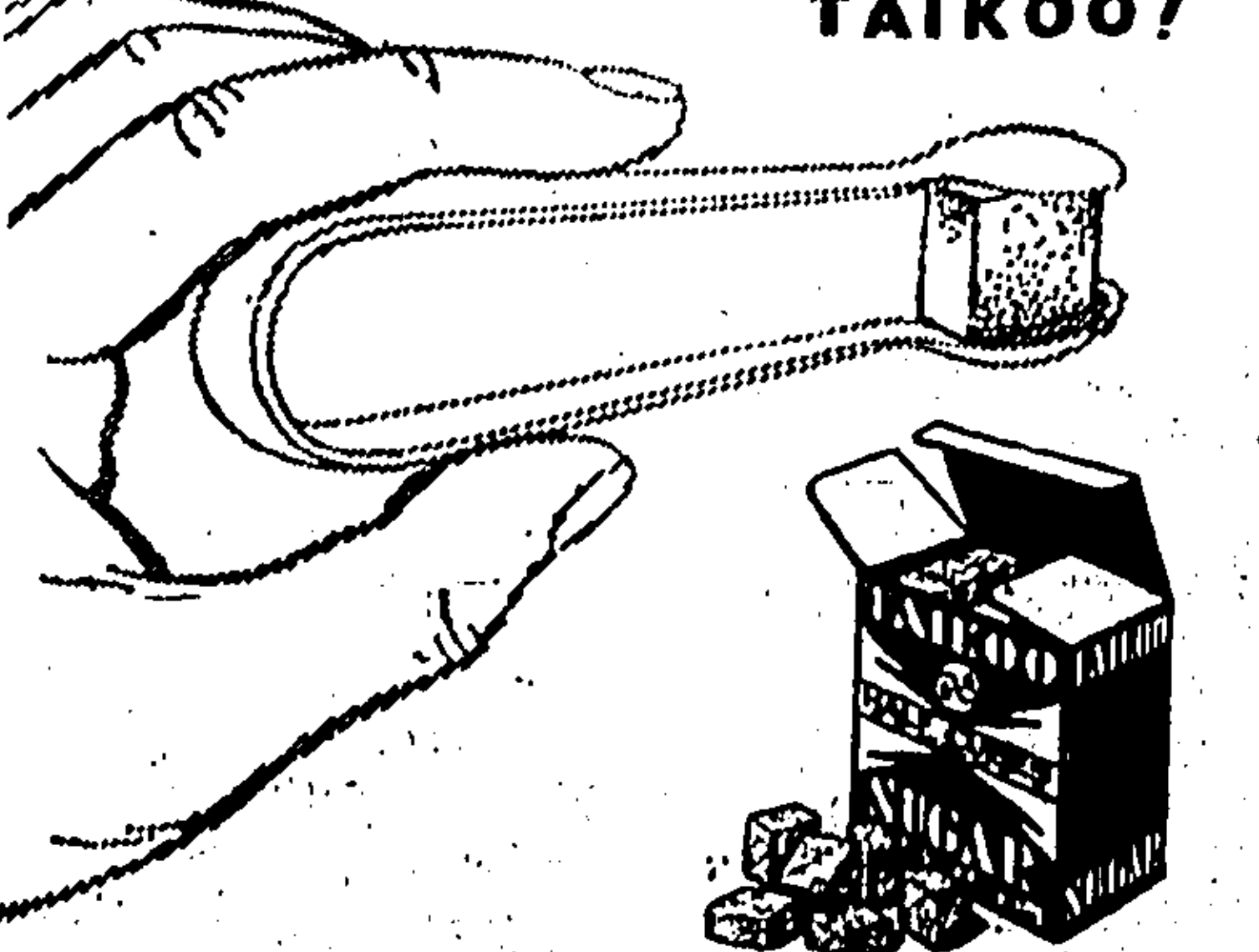
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FAMOUS JOCKEYS TALK

WHEN MANNY IS RIDING DARIUS LOOK OUT

By THE SCOUT

London. Manny Mercer enters the 1955 racing scene fresh from holiday travel, which embraced New York, Hollywood and Honolulu.

He has returned to a new sports car in the garage of his trim little house which looks out towards Newmarket's Rowley Mile stands.

He has come back with a feeling, too, that this will be a high-powered, non-skid, non-slip season.

M. Marcel Boussie has booked him as No 1 English jockey—an engagement endorsed enthusiastically by Manny's former mentor, Charlie Elliott.

Second contender is held by George Collier to whom the young Mercer became acquainted soon after he had gained fame by winning the 1947 "Lincoln" on Jockey Treble.

Harry Wragg has third command of his services, and Manny is looking forward to renewing his successful partnership with Darius this season.

"When you realise what Darius has done in America, Sir Percy Lindsay's horse must be about the best in the world right now," says his jockey.

While at Santa Anita early this year, Manny rode in one race. "It was an interesting experience, but I did not want to tie myself down to a regular job there," he explained.

Patience, anyway, will never be Manny's redeeming quality, excepting only on horseback. As a jockey he is in this respect a different person to his earthly bound self.

THE WEATHER

We were talking the other day (about the weather) and I asked him how he took to the ordeal of race-riding in the bitter cold.

"It's funny, you know, I'm a little bit of a snob," he said. "Sometimes when I go to get on a horse, my teeth might be chattering with the cold. As soon as I'm up, I don't seem to notice it any more."

Manny happens to be one of those instinctive natural born jockeys. I suspect that he is happiest when not tied down to orders.

Charlie Elliott helped to fashion his riding style, and he has obviously absorbed some of Harry Wragg's technique.

His chances of becoming the champion jockey have never been more favourable. Hardly weighed at 7st 13lb there is something about his way of riding which gives him the ticket-of-entry into the top class.

EXACTING SEASON

This will be his most exacting season. Manny has come up to succeed the hard way. He doesn't intend to go back.

There's a TV set and an affectionate nine-month-old colt.

Slow Trial By Cambridge

London, Mar. 17. Cambridge University returned one of the slowest times since the war in their final full course trial over the Boat Race course from Putney to Mortlake on the River Thames today.

In slightly worse overall conditions than Oxford encountered yesterday, their time for the four and a quarter miles was 22 minutes 21 seconds. This was 57 seconds worse than Oxford and three and a half minutes worse than their own trial of a week ago.

The race takes place on March 20.—China Mail Special.



Harry Odell says

Your cinema fare this weekend should be "THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY" and "ALONG CAME JONES".

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WATER IS PRECIOUS

called (appropriately) Splash installed now in his Newmarket home. E. Mercer intends to see plenty of both of them and do some gardening too in his spare time during the coming season.

"When I'll have the spare time, though, it's not very easy to see," he grinned. "I shall have to ride to work at Chantilly as well as at Newmarket."

Hashim Khan Is The Joe Davis Of Squash

H. Khan winner by three sets to two over A. Khan. That was the result of the final last week of the British Professional Squash Championship. That's what goes down in the record books, with the additional information that H. Khan equalled J. P. H. Dear's record of five wins in the event.

But there was more to it than that, much more.

Winner Hashim and loser brother Azam had no right to be on the court at all. Hashim had just a blister cut from his heel, he had more on his feet and some deep corns. He has to go again to hospital for a minor operation to have them taken out. He has also to have an operation on his eyes.

Azam came to the Lansdowne Club straight from hospital where he was having electrical treatment and massage for a leg injury. He could only play by having pain killing injections.

Both players had been suffering from these ailments throughout the tournament. But only one was either extended on his way to the last round. That was in the semi-finals when Hashim was taken to five games by cousin Roshan.

Came the final and the two "cripples" gave an exhibition which would have been a credit to the fittest.

WAS SUPREME

Hashim particularly was supreme. And he is 39. That alone is enough to rule out a rival without being a walking hospital case.

But not Hashim. This lanky, balding little Pakistani is the Joe Davis of squash.

Like Davis he has reached a level of his own; like Davis the nearest he gets to a real challenge is from his own family; and like Davis Hashim plans to give up his title to "let someone else have a chance."

But not yet Hashim says he will be coming back to Britain.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Eire Beats Northern Ireland

Dublin, Mar. 17. The Football League of Ireland (Eire) who led 1-0 at half-time, were worth their 2-1 win over the Irish League (Northern Ireland) at Dollymount Park here today but the match never came up to expectations.

Here was much negative football from both sides, but the home attack showed slightly more punch with Scottish inside-right Jimmy Gauld the live-wire.

A 30,000 crowd saw a dramatic start, Armstrong scoring for the League of Ireland with a tapping shot after three minutes. Hughes took up an equaliser for Walker six minutes after the interval but 15 minutes later, a diving header by Fitzgerald gave the home team the winner.—China Mail Special.



Wragg's star horse should be Darius

By JAMES PARK

The observant may have noticed that since Harry Wragg became a trainer he has been making the same steady progress as when he was a jockey.

When he held a jockey's licence he was always thinking how to get the best out of a horse and also what tactics were most likely to bring about the downfall of the opposition.

Now his work is in the stable and on the tenth and his skill is to be found in the well-being of the horses. They are all in robust health.

BLESSING

The star performer is DARIUS, winner of the 2,000 Guineas. The programme mapped out for the first half of the season includes the March Stakes at Newmarket, the Coronation Cup at Epsom, and the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown.

If the colt could complete that hat-trick, Wragg could be assured of his best season in stake money.

All arrangements had been made for Darius to race in the U.S.A. in the winter, but he met with a mishap in his box and could not go. That may have been a blessing in disguise as the colt will turn out fresh and well for his engagements this season.

He has wintered exceptionally well and is now a fully matured model racehorse. With Never Say Die retired, I cannot see anything in this country to challenge the supremacy of Darius up to a mile and a half. His best distance may be a mile and a quarter but he should stay the easy mile and a half of the Coronation Cup.

The staying GOLOVINE went off rather badly in the second half of last season but is once more looking as bright as a new pin.

MILITARY COURT will take his chance in the Lincolnshire Handicap. In and out of the stable, he wears bandages on both forelegs, but there have not given any trouble for some time. The five-year-old is in good heart but gave me the impression that there was still room for improvement in his condition.

Whether that can be brought about will depend on the weather.

Wragg has built a covered ride. It is situated in a paddock a few yards from the stable and has been used whenever it was impossible to get on the heath. It is about 200 yards round with a thick layer of sand. Trotting round for 20 minutes is sufficient for the horses to work up a sweat.

Military Court has been kept on the move round the covered ride and everything will depend on whether conditions permit the trainer to put the finishing touches. There is not much time for that to happen.

GRAND COLT

TIGER KLOOF failed to get in the money last year, but if he remains sound he may put the balance on the right side as a four-year-old. He is now a grand looking colt.

IMMORTAL was bought at the December Sales and has progressed so well that he will be given a chance to show what he can do over longer distances than he has yet attempted.

ROYAL MAID won five consecutive races last year and was a pure money-spinner. A tall, spare filly, she is no beauty. She hops along and that is what counts.

I do not think there is another Darius among the three-year-olds, but I should say the majority are fairly certain to do well.

SOMBRERO has grown into a fine big colt. He was lightly used as a two-year-old, but I saw sufficient of him to satisfy that he is possessed of ability. He looks the type to go on improving.

OYSTER BAY met with an accident as a two-year-old and could not run. He was picked up cheaply as a yearling and could be well worth the money.

HYPERION KID has been slow to develop and, while he has thrived enormously, he is not yet in possession of his full strength. It is the second half of the season that he may come into his own and should make a good colt.

The dapper little CIAO paid his way in his first season and should continue to do so. The luckless MARGIANA is not looking her best and needs some run on her back.

There are not so many two-year-olds as last year, but most of them frame out well and show promise. I liked the look of LUCERO, a well-balanced son of Soloway. As the dam is by Fair Trial the colt should not be lacking in speed.

PERSIAN GOD is a half-brother, by Persian Gulf, to Blue Sulf and is taller and stands over more ground than his elder relative.

Mr Charles Sweeney has a distinct proposition in SEMI-NOLE, an altogether better sort than his brother Shirazair.

International Tennis

Easy Passage For Drobny

Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 17. Wimbledon Champion, Maroslav Drobny of Egypt sailed comfortably through his first round match in the international lawn tennis tournament here today with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Egypt's Zolzal.

In the other first round matches, Gianni Meno, Italy, beat Charbit, Egypt, 6-2, 6-4; Mal Fox, United States, beat 1. Adol, Egypt, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; Sid Schwartz, United States, beat M. Gohari, Egypt, 6-0, 6-3.

Hugh Stewart, United States, beat Escher, Egypt, 6-3, 6-3; Acobas, Egypt, beat Martinez, Spain, 11-9, 7-5; Ron Howe, Australia, beat Yueti, Egypt, 6-4, 6-2.—United Press.



DARIUS will bid for an early hat-trick.

World Table Tennis

JAPANESE PLAYERS GAIN TOP RANKINGS

The Hague, Mar. 17.

Japanese men table tennis teams top the rankings for the world table tennis championships here next month, the Dutch Organising Committee announced today.

The Committee posted the Japanese Teams as number one for both the Swaythling and Corbillon cup competitions, and ranked Ichiro Ogimura of Japan as the top individual player.

The only outsider to reach a number one spot was one of the powerful Iron Curtain entries, Angelica Rozeanu of Rumania.

The Organising Committee announced a record entry for the championships of 350 players from 33 countries when the deadline passed today. The games will be held here April 16-24.

They reported 23 countries had entered teams for the Corbillon Cup, the women's team championships, and 33 for the Swaythling Cup for supremacy in men teams. In addition, individual players had entered from Canada and South Africa.

—United Press.

THE SEEDINGS

The seeded players for the World Table Tennis Championships to be held from April 16-24 are as follows:

Women's Singles: 1. Angelica Rozeanu (Rumania); 2. Full Blacht (Japan); 3. Linda West (Australia); 4. Gizi Farkas (Hungary); 5. Yoshiko Tanaka (Japan); 6. Rosalind Rowe (England); 7. Kikiko Watanabe (Japan); 8. Eva Koczian (Hungary).

Men's Singles: 1. Ichiro Ogimura (Japan); 2. Ivan Andreadis (Czechoslovakia); 3. Tugue Flisberg (Sweden); 4. Richard Bergmann (England); 5. Ferenc Sido (Hungary); 6. Yoshio Tomita (Japan); 7. Zarko Dolinar (Yugoslavia); 8. Rene Rothhoert (France).

Men's Doubles: 1. Dolinar and Vilin, Horangozo (Yugoslavia); 2. Andreadis and Ladislav Stipek (Czechoslovakia); 3. Ogimura and Tomita (Japan); 4. Jozsef Koczian and Sido (Hungary).

Women's Doubles: 1. Diana and Rosalind, Rowe (England); 2. Rozeanu and Hona Zeller (Rumania); 3. Farkas and Misa Kerenes (Hungary); 4. Fullie Eguchi and Watanabe (Japan).

Mixed Doubles: Farkas (Hungary) and Andreadis (Czechoslovakia); 2. Rozeanu (Rumania) and Sido (Hungary); 3. Werli.

Boundary Street Athletic Meet

The Quadrangular Meet between SCAA, Army, HEAC/University, and RAF/Naval/Police was provisionally set to be held at Boundary Street on April 17, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association at the Education Department yesterday.

Mr P. Donohue was in the Chair.

The meeting also finalised all arrangements for the forthcoming Colony Athletic Championships to be held at the SCAA Stadium on March 26 and 27.

Pan-American Games

Dead Heat In 1,500 Metres Preliminary

Mexico City, Mar. 17.

America's Wes Santee, the sensational Kansas miller, and Argentina's Juan D. Miranda raced for first place in the preliminaries of the 1,500 Metres event of the Pan-American Games today.

In the greatest finish of the Games, the two men matched stride for stride through the last 400 metres and came to the tape at the same time with the record 4:04.4.

As the big crowd in the University Stadium roared a crescendo of cheers when there was only one lap to go, Santee and Miranda each tried to take the lead. Neither would budge an inch as they sped along.

The judges deliberated for many minutes before coming up with the decision that it was a dead heat.

"It was a good race," said Santee afterwards. "The high altitude didn't bother me at all. I'll run a better race in the finals."

It was another great day for U.S. athletes and they boosted their point total to 335, defending champion Argentina has 102.—United Press.

TEST STARS TO PLAY FOR JAMAICA

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 17. Three West Indian Test stars, Frank Worrell, Alf Valentine and Allan Rbe, are among 12 from whom Jamaica will choose their team to meet the Australian tourists here on Saturday.

Valentine, however, is a doubtful starter. He hurt his finger recently and may rest in order to be fit for the first Test of the series which begins a week later.

Rbe will captain Jamaica. Enthusiastic crowds made it difficult for the Australians to practise in the nets yesterday. They swarmed around them, presenting autograph books to players as they walked back to bowl and while they padded up to bat.—China Mail Special.

Club De Macao Programme

The following fixtures have been arranged by local teams against Club De Macao this week-end.

TOMORROW
Macao 'B' v Dutch HC at Kings Park, Bully Off 2.30 p.m.
Macao 'A' v Hong Kong Defenders, Fours at Kings Park, Bully Off 4 p.m.

SUNDAY
Macao 'B' v Combined Services 'B' at Robinsons, Bully Off 2.30 p.m.
Macao 'A' v Combined Services 'A' at Robinsons, Bully Off 4 p.m.

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FIJIAN TRIUMPH AGAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF COMBINED SERVICES

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday in front of the biggest crowd seen this season, the Fijians once again emerged victorious, when in their final game here, they narrowly overcame the Combined Services by 14 points (1 goal, 3 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

At half time the score was three all, which gives a pretty good indication of the standard of play, and it was only in the closing minutes of the game that the Fijians piled on six extra points.

Four things kept the scoring rate down. First and foremost, the Fijians, who were suddenly hit by a very tight defence, which was not only a result of the Fijians' own defence, but also of the fact that the Fijians were not in the line-outs. Secondly, the fine covering of the two wing forwards, Coley and Thomas, both of whom were outstanding, and last but not least, the good tackling of the Services back division.

This was undoubtedly the best game of the series, and praise

must go to Goldie, the referee, who kept a very tight rein on what might easily have developed into a rough and tumble of Fijians, while the Fijians were the outstanding man until he was injured and had to leave the field, while King after a shaky start settled down well at full back.

DEFENCE AND ATTACK
Once again it was Robson who showed in the Fijian team, both in defence and attack, while Radrodro having lost his

shooting boot made up for it by scoring two tries.

Outlooked and losing the line-outs, the Fijians did not look quite as powerful as they have done, and their service from the scrum was rather weak at times.

Again the Fijians played an open game while the Services kept the ball tight. Although this resulted in the Services' quarters being starved to a certain extent, it at least stopped the Fijians scoring.

It has been suggested that an open game would be more interesting and while this is true, it needs 15 fast, fit men, when the Colony does not have.

One final snippet of news. At the dinner afterwards in the Clubhouse, the captain of the New Zealand XV challenged the Fijians to a game. Due to their already full programme, the Fijians had to decline the offer, but arrangements have been made for the New Zealanders to play the Fijians in Singapore in the near future.

The Services kicked off and attacked with Thomas leading the forwards in a foot rush to the Fijians' 25. There, the Fijians scrambled the ball clear from the scrum, and began to put pressure on the Services. However, the ball was then swung and kicked ahead, but for once, the bounce was against the Fijians and the ball went into touch on the Services' 25.

AWARDED PENALTY

There was an infringement in the line-out and the Fijians were awarded a penalty which Radrodro missed. Then the Fijians started a three-quarters move.

Each man in turn was well tackled but first he managed to pass on the ball. The Fijians still passing, sent the ball back across field with a nice short passing movement, in which the forwards joined, and Leuluva getting the ball whipped through to score. The conversion was missed 3-0.

Within seconds the Services equalised, when about 35 yards out the Fijians were penalised for the offside, and the Services kicked and placed the ball right between the uprights. Despite many and varied attacks, the Fijians could not break through the Services' defence, and the score at half time was still three all.

The Fijians did most of the attacking in the second half, but it was not until 15 minutes before they finally broke through. About 25 yards out the Fijians got the ball from the scrum, and Sawana, cut through and passed out to Bullockoko, who in turn passed out to Leuluva. A fast run and pass by the latter sent Robson away and even a last minute tackle by Sadd, failed to stop Robson from scoring under the posts. Radrodro converted, 8-3.

FINE INTERCEPTION

A fine interception by Coley took play back into the Fijians' half of the field. But the latter were soon on the attack and in the final minutes, a nice cut through sent Radrodro off to score well out. The conversion was missed 11-3.

Immediately the Fijians repeated their tactics, and again a three-quarters move resulted in Radrodro scoring well out. Leuluva had an attempt at converting but failed, 14-3.

With the Fijians keeping up the pressure against an obviously tiring Services XV the game finally ended.

TEAMS:
Fijians: Balekana, Leuluva, Robson, Bullockoko, Babb, Givind, Sawana, Nabaro, Ravula, Radrodro, Bogitini, Lotawa, Waqavolava.
Combined Services: King, Blincoe, Fraser, Said, Brentford, Parkinson, Miller, Reid, Annandale, Lamb, Griffiths, Thomas, Coley, Hill.

HK Football Club Team

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club Second XI, in a Second Division "A" league soccer match against the RAF at Spookpoo, tomorrow, kick-off at 3 p.m.: Taylor, W. J. McDonald, Laidlaw, Plank, Torrington, Lappage, Dyer, Douglas, Kelly, Davies, W. J. Roser, O'Neill, Munch, Shears, Babbs.

Safe In The Arms Of The Goalie



Wood, the Leeds goalie saves from Dare of West Ham in the recent match between West Ham United v Leeds United at Upton Park. Looking on is Charles of Leeds United.

ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 11. Orders By Lieutenant Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated March 15, 1955.

Force Orders
Annual Review. The Commandant congratulates everyone on the excellent Parade. The turnout and smartness on Parade was first class, and a credit to the Force.
Force Unit Meeting. The Force Unit Meeting will be held on the 1st of April at 10.00 a.m. in the Main Hall, 1st Floor, 100, Queen's Road Central. The following will be present: (a) Paying Officers: HQ Unit, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 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Munster v Leinster At The Sports Ground

The Oirish Call It "Football" —An' Shure It Was!

By B. GORRA

Shure now, an' did you see the game yesterday evening, an' weren't the bhoys in great form when Munster played Leinster at Oirish football, on St. Patrick's day. An' what better day for it? An' a grand affair it was.

Now you wouldn't be after wantin' me to tell you who won, for b'gob, I'm not sure myself. But if it wasn't the one side, why then it must've bin the other.

But whichever it was, it was the toughest Oirish we'd seen so far. Admittedly they had the luck of the Oirish, but the boys played a lovely game, an' after it was all over, they returned to the bar an' downed a few pints of "Laffey Water" just to celebrate.

It was a great day, for the Oirish, as the song says, an' everyone was in fine fettle, for weren't there some pretty decent watching the bhoys kicking the Blarney Stone, though some spideen referred to it as biting the dust.

An' if the bhoys weren't all from the Emerald Isle, shure, an' they were pretty enough in all faith to have been true-green Oirish. (Oirish take me shillagh to the man who suggested true-orange would be a better description.)

The game started with the Oirish kicking in, an' by far the best player on the field was Stuart on the touchlines. Oh now, you weren't after thinkin' I was meanin' myself, for if you were you wouldn't be far wrong.

ST PATRICK HIMSELF
To be getting back to the game itself, it was a fast and furious encounter, and the boys never looked like scoring until they got near the goal. They played a sparklin' game an' St. Patrick himself, would of bin proud of them.

Paddy in the Munster team turned out to be a brother of a bhoys as Shaw would've said, if he'd thought of it, setting a good pace and scoring some of the 17 points while Mick on the opposing team led his antagonists a merry jig as he tore up an' down the field.

The standard of play was not what we would've seen in Dublin, but it was a fair game, an' Leinster, havin' the referee on their side won.

For those of you who were unlucky enough to be born on

ATHLETIC RECORDS

Four new records were set up at the third annual Athletic Sports meeting of the Hongkong Technical College, which was held in brilliant sunshine at the South China Athletic Association Stadium, Caroline Hill, Hongkong, yesterday.

A new record was set up in the Inter-Department Relay Race (4 x 100 metres) by the Building Department, who captured the College Challenge Shield. The time was 50.2 seconds, which is six seconds better than last year's record.

Other records were to fall in the Javelin Throw by Tony Seah (115 ft. 3 ins.), Discus Throw by John Lee (87 ft. 9 1/2 ins.), Throwing the Cricket Ball by Tony Seah (243 ft.).

NEW FEATURES

New features of this year's meeting were three new ladies' events namely the 60 metres race, Throwing the Cricket Ball and Long Jump.

The winner of the "Principal's" Challenge Cup for the Individual Championship was Chiang Yin-wah who scored 22 points. The runner-up was Chan Shue-yuen, 10 points.

Miss Eleanor Chung of the Commerce Department captured the Women's Individual Championship by winning the 60 metres race (12 sec.) and Long Jump (10ft. 4 1/2 ins.).

In the Inter-Department Championship, the Engineering Department won the "White" Challenge Cup with 110 points. Building Department was second with 81 points, Commerce Department third with 80 points and Telecommunication Department fourth with 48 points.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Principal of the College, Mr. S. J. G. Hurl, thanked Mr. Ho Jui-kwong for presenting the awards to the winners, and Mr. Ho Jui-kwong for his donations to the College Sports Fund.

Kobus Not For Lincolnshire Handicap

Paris, Mar. 17. M. Georges Ginter, the French racehorse owner, announced today that his five-year-old Kobus will not run in the Lincolnshire Handicap on March 23.

This is a contradiction of a statement made yesterday by Maurice Wallon, trainer of Kobus, that the horse definitely would run.

Mr. Ginter said today that Kobus would run instead on Saturday next in the Prix Edmond Blanc at Saint Cloud, near Paris.

HK Football Club Team

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club Second XI, in a Second Division "A" league soccer match against the RAF at Spookpoo, tomorrow, kick-off at 3 p.m.: Taylor, W. J. McDonald, Laidlaw, Plank, Torrington, Lappage, Dyer, Douglas, Kelly, Davies, W. J. Roser, O'Neill, Munch, Shears, Babbs.

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To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

NARROW SEAS

STEVE'S job takes him to sea in the ships which sail the narrow waters round these islands, the shabby, small freighters that shuttle between Continental ports and our own.

He works down in their cramped, stifling stokeholds and in between watches, when he comes up for air or rests on his bunk, he falls, sometimes, to day-dreaming. He dreams that one day he will work in a long-run ship, whose schedule will put decent intervals of weeks or months between ports of call, instead of days.

For although, while at sea, Steve is a steady enough worker, trouble seems to lie in wait for him as soon as he sets foot ashore.

It happened so again the other night.

OVERLOADED

THE evening had started quietly enough, and Steve set off with confidence to cross the calm seas that lie between the docks and King's Cross that almost as if out of habit he visited a number of ports of call on the way, public-houses where he found friends and took on so much cargo in the shape of beer that he left the last with a dangerous list and his steering-gear hardly functioning. A policeman found him, in tow, and led him, to the station.

Someone there recognised Steve. "Ah, it's you," they said. "We've been wondering where you'd got to. There's that fine you should have paid last November."

SAILING

IN the morning, at the Clerkenwell court, Steve, a lean, tall man in a boiler suit, and an old sports coat, pleaded guilty to having been drunk the night before.

"There is also a mean test, sir," said the judge to Mr. T. F. Davis, the magistrate, "in connection with an unpaid fine of £1 last November."

Steve was asked to explain why the fine had not been paid. "The trouble was, sir," he said, "I sailed from here round to Loughborough."

"When was that?"

"Just after Christmas."

IN THE TUNNEL

"BUT that means you had the whole of November and December in which to pay. What were you earning?"

"Between £7 and £8, sir, and my keep, and I would have paid."

"Well, why didn't you?" the magistrate asked.

"You see, before Christmas I was running to the Continent. It was a weekly boat."

"Where did you put in?" the magistrate asked.

"The Blackwall Tunnel," Steve answered, making it sound as though his ship doubled between voyages with a 100 bus.

"The Blackwall Tunnel's quite handy for here," said the magistrate. "You could have brought the money."

TIME TO DREAM

"CORRECT," said Steve. "I suppose you were hoping you could disappear and that they wouldn't find you?"

"Cor," Steve began, but checked himself just in time, and grinned.

"Pay 20s. on each of the two charges," said the magistrate, "or go in prison 14 days on each, concurrent."

"Ay, ay, sir," Steve said, and he shrugged and winked and rolled away to the cell that would be his cabin for a fortnight, to dream some more about the really long sea voyage that experience told him he needed if he were to steer clear of further trouble.

Tidal Wave Warning Issued

Honolulu, Mar. 17. The US Navy at Pearl Harbor today warned all ships in the Hawaiian area of a possible tidal wave after a seismograph here recorded "what appeared to be a major earthquake" off Siberia.

The quake was located on the Sakhalin peninsula of Kamchatka off Polotsky across the Bering Straits from Alaska.

The California Institute of Technology in Pasadena recorded a "large distant" earthquake at 4:10 p.m. today (0010 GMT Friday) saying it was 4,000 miles in an unknown direction and of magnitude 0.8.

The observatory at Barber's Point Naval Air Station, Hawaii, said the tidal wave from the undersea earthquake should have hit the Aleutian Islands at about 4 p.m. (0200 GMT Friday). It said if the wave progressed at the expected intensity it should reach Midway Island at 7 p.m. and could hit Hawaii at 8 p.m. (0300 GMT).

James Baden, seismograph observer, said it was not positively confirmed that the quake would create a wave but the intensity of the quake indicated that the tidal wave would result. Mr. Baden pinpointed the shock at 53 degrees north 102 degrees east.

United Press.

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Turkey May Provide New Base For Britain

FROM DAVID BURK

Ankara, Mar. 17.

Britain is looking to Turkey for an alternative base to the Suez Canal Zone, I learn here authoritatively.

The main purpose of Sir Anthony Eden's postponed Ankara visit was for secret preliminary talks thereon as a sequel to Britain's joining the Turco-Iraqi Pact.

Britain's signature is already agreed upon and the British envoy, Sir James Bowker, met the Turkish Premier and Foreign Minister tonight to discuss the treaty's final draft. An announcement will be made, I am told, by the end of this month in the three capitals — London, Ankara and Baghdad. Since the Suez Treaty signed in October, British troops have been withdrawing from the zone. Middle East headquarters have been set up in Cyprus, but this small, politically troubled island, 40 miles from Turkey's coast, has never been regarded as suitable for a full-scale military base.

DISADVANTAGES

Apart from size, it has all the disadvantages of islands: it is vulnerable and apt to be cut off in wartime.

The base Britain would like in Turkey is an area near the small outcrops of the province of Mardin which stands on a high plateau overlooking Turkey's eastern borders with Russia, Persia, Iraq and Syria. Already several American-run and NATO air bases are in the area.

Britain's joining of the Turco-Iraqi Pact—America will follow in the next few weeks—will strengthen this new but growing concept that already, through other alliances, links Turkey and Iraq with Greece, Yugoslavia, Pakistan and NATO.

With Anglo-American support, the initiative and leadership from the Middle East, Egypt, are busily and optimistically urging Persia, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria into their defence network.

The Turks regard Lebanon and Jordan as reluctant, Persia as a promising outsider and Syria as a slow but hopeful starter.

They are also sure Egypt will ultimately be obliged to fall into line when she realises the alternative is complete isolation. —London Express Service.

THEY HAVE NOW BEEN WARNED

Moscow, Mar. 17. The new Minister of Soviet State Farms, Ivan Benediktov, today issued a blunt warning to all farm directors under his charge that they will be prosecuted if their farms are in deficit at the end of 1955.

Benediktov added that he was giving farm officials 15 days to draw up measures that would increase the output on their farms.

Some 279 new State farms are being organised with 8,000,000 hectares of arable land.

Another 4,000,000 hectares are to be rendered arable this year. Thousands of specialists in mechanised farming will be sent to these areas and special schools are now training 50,000 pupils to drive agricultural tractors. —France-Press.

Posted To Reserve Of Officers

H.E. the Governor has approved the posting of Major K.M.A. Barnett, formerly of the Artillery Battery, R.H.K.D.F., to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Honorary ADCs

The following have been appointed Honorary Aides-de-Camp. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Lieutenant-Commander (S) M. Daniel, HKRNVR (vice Lieutenant E. G. W. Veldon); and Flight Lieutenant J. D. Williams, RAF, vice Flight Lieutenant J. Hutcheon.

General Impressed By Parade

The smartness of a Chinese unit on parade this morning may lead to the enrolment of many more Chinese recruits in the local regular armed forces.

General Sir Charles Loewen, C-in-C Far East Land Forces, promised this morning to consider the employment of many more Chinese. He had just inspected the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit at Lyennan, which gives a sixteen weeks' basic training to Chinese recruits enrolled in the regular forces for a five-year term, with the option of extension.

He saw three details on parade, one at drill, one doing an assault course and apparatus training under PT instructors, and one in the classroom studying English. When passing through a barrack room he turned delightedly to a member of the press and exclaimed: "How's that for a standard? Have you ever seen anything like that?"

"GOOD FEELING" On leaving the unit he said to the Commanding Officer, Major A.E. Pearsley of the Middlesex Regiment: "I get a good feeling out of this unit."

Major Pearsley then asked the C-in-C if Chinese recruits could not be given a much more prominent part to play. They were extremely keen, he said, and liked the work.

The General promised to consider it and admitted that he was very impressed with the standard of the unit.

Infanticide Charge

A 25-year-old woman, Tam Li-ching, of 2 Kwai Wah Lane, ground floor, appeared on indictment before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with infanticide.

The particulars in the charge alleged that accused caused the death of her infant daughter, Chan Mei-fong, by strangling her with a piece of tape on October 23 last year, but that at the time she had not fully recovered from the effects of child-birth and by reason thereof the balance of her mind was disturbed.

Accused pleaded not guilty. His Lordship asked Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, what was the Prosecution's attitude to the case.

Mr Mayne, remarking that it was a sad case, said he would consider the matter. Accused was remanded to Monday for trial.

Radio Hongkong

6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Joan and Valerie; Talk on Sentences; 6.30, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal; World News (London Relay); 7.00, Commentary (London Relay); 7.05, Special Announcement; 7.15, Ted Muller and his Piano Accordion; 7.20, "Viewpoint" A weekly magazine devoted to the Arts, Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin (Studio); 7.30, Book Review by Conrad Wilson; "George Orwell by Lawrence Sanders; 7.40, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 7.45, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 7.50, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.00, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.05, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.10, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.15, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.20, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.25, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.30, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8.35, "The Great Gatsby" by F. 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